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I am writing to say I am against this permit. Clean air is a right we all deserve. Please do not approve it!

I was born and raised in New Mexico and I love this state. But it makes me angry how many times we have been used. Big companies come here, take what they want, and leave us with the mess. Look at what uranium mining did to us, families near Grants and on the Navajo Nation are still sick. Their water is still poisoned. Our own families were downwind of the Trinity bomb test and nobody ever made that right. It is always the same story. They promise us jobs and money. Then they leave and we are stuck with dirty air, dirty water, and sick kids.

Now this data center wants to come in and do it all over again. The papers say it would put out 10 million tons of greenhouse gases every year! That's crazy!! That is more than Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Santa Fe put together. And they want to put it right next to Sunland Park and Santa Teresa, where people already breathe some of the worst air in the state. That is not right. Kids with asthma and the elderly are the ones who will pay for this.

And what about our water? We live in a desert. We barely have enough water for our own families, our gardens, our farms. The river runs dry. Everyone I know is trying to save water and now a giant computer center wants to come use our water to cool their machines? For a company that is not even from here? We do not have the water!

Please stand up for us this time. Do not let this be one more time New Mexico gets taken advantage of. Our air, water and health matter MUCH more than their money.

Please deny this permit. And please hold a public meeting (in English and Spanish) so that the community can be heard.

Thank you,
Felicia