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I am submitting this comment to express my extreme opposition of YGI's Application. I urge you to also reject the Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC-YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application.

YGI's application should be denied by NMED because YGI failed to include all relevant information about Bloom Energy's problematic history. New Mexico does not want companies with criminal records hunkering down here to deploy their factory of gunk and garbage. It would be astounding in the worst way possible to allow YGI to continue with their proposal with their dishonesty regarding this subject.

YGI's Application should be denied by NMED because they have falsified comments of support using both real individual's information without their consent -facing legal troubles for doing so- and the mass submission of bottled comments.

Bloom Energy's Fuel Cells are not clean energy. These fuel cells generate significant NOX, CO, and VOCs, all of which contribute to negative health impacts, as well as hazardous solid waste that cannot be ignored by NMED. These hazardous wastes will be in close vicinity to schools and residential areas where children are living and will have their lives put at risk for the sake of making the rich richer. Disgustingly astounding, once more, that this is a certainty of YGI's application.

Permitting any microgrid facility will result in a clear example of environmental racism, and NMED is required to ensure no group of people bears a disproportionate share of negative environmental consequences. This is especially important because Doña Ana County residents already bear the disproportionate burden of environmental pollution compared to the rest of New Mexico. Shocking, once more, that YGI is willing to put so many people at risk for some more money in their already full pockets.

NMED should give the public 60 days of additional time to review and comment on the application to ensure everyone can meaningfully comment and participate.

If NMED does not reject YGI's application, NMED must hold a public hearing on the Application in both English and Spanish, in person and virtually, in Santa Teresa so that all individuals may participate equally.

With Shock and Awe,
-Paul Jackson