

Aileen Perez

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Aileen Perez. I live in Albuquerque , and I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County.

I am born and raised here in New Mexico, and I deeply love our land, wildlife, and the natural environment that makes our state so special. We are already experiencing severe drought and seeing the impacts on our wildlife and ecosystems and building a data center will only place additional strain on our limited natural resources and could create even more negative environmental impacts.

A project of this scale comes with too many unknowns, and I am not willing to risk the land and environment that so many of us know and love. I am also concerned about the potential effects on local ranchers, whose livelihoods depend on healthy land and reliable water resources. The pollution and other environmental impacts associated with large industrial facilities could affect cattle, ranchers and their operations and the long term health of our communities.

The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons:

It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants.

This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear.

Fuel cell technology or a centralized waste system has never been tried at this scale.

Surrounding communities' air will be severely impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to reject YUCCA Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid. I ask the department to please hold a bilingual public hearing near the Santa Teresa community, so that residents can learn about the risks associated with fuel cell technology,
Sincerely,Aileen Perez