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I am writing to express my concern for the public health and the environment of New Mexico. Project Jupiter sounds like nothing more than corporate greed over the interest of the of everyone and everything that inhabits the earth. I plead that people will open their eyes and see what this will truly do, instead of what corporations are telling us is possible with it. If NMED's mission is to "to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous NM for present and future generations.", then allowing this plan to go through goes against everything you stand for. The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. The air quality permit application should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism as residents of Doña Ana County are already disproportionately impacted by environmental pollution. A fuel cell plant of this size has NEVER been constructed before. Project Jupiter's power plant would be 1,000 times larger than the biggest fuel cell plant Bloom Energy has ever built. This fuel cell gas plant will release toxic chemical pollutants and 10 million tons of carbon dioxide into our air. Developers did not propose pollution controls they estimated the plant's pollution based on tests from a very small unit (only 65 kW) but the power plant they want to build is 37,000 times bigger. There are so many reasons that this is an awful idea, and I hope that you carefully consider what this will do before making any decisions, because our future is in your hands.