

Alan Thomas

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Alan Thomas. I am a New Mexico resident, living 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.

As a life-long resident of our fair state, I have a great interest in maintaining the unspoiled beauty of this region for the future residents of our planet. New Mexico is a truly unique place to live, and I feel tha I have been lucky to have lived here.

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 long-term storage and disposal of this waste has not been made clear.

Fuel cell technology has never occurred at this scale, and definitely not here in New Mexico. In addition, the air quality of the communities surrounding this proposed power plant will be negatively impacted by this development.

I urge the NMED to outright 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 this particular fuel cell technology.

Sincerely, Alan Thomas