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As a life long resident of NM, Dona Ana County, I have seen this town grow and evolve into what it is now. And as someone who as grown up along the Rio. I and people in the community do not want this data center, or any permits that would allow it to pollute our home. I have family members who had cancers due to exposure to chemicals from poor structured facilities and spaces where they would otherwise have not gotten cancer from. And especially in Santa Teresa where they are already facing health problems due to negligence of contaminated water, and poor handling of waste. I want the future of NM to know what it's like to see water flow in the Rio Grande, and to have clean water and a flourishing desert environment. Not only will this data center harm our future but destroy it.

New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) mission is "to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous NM for present and future generations."

NMED's Air Quality Bureau "protects the public health of New Mexicans and the natural beauty of the state by preventing the deterioration of air quality."

Do your job and protect the environment from harmful data centers. I would not want to live in a community that has no Rio, no clean air or water, and everyone sick with cancer, children born with deformities and weak immune systems. People of Santa Teresa and Dona Ana County deserve better. Especially with already unresolved water contamination and pollution.

We the people of Dona Ana County and Santa Teresa demand that:

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.

For years, Doña Ana County has been called a 'nonattainment' zone— this means our air quality does not meet federal government rules.

practice what you preach

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