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I am submitting this comment myself directly. This comment expresses my personal views. It has not been obtained under false pretenses nor is it being submitted fraudulently, as apparently some public comments on this application have been.

The New Mexico Environment Department should deny YGI's application. The planned fuel cells will generate significant nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds. These all have harmful health impacts. The permit would require the use of natural gas, which creates significant emissions that are harmful to human health and contribute to increased ozone levels.

As a long-time resident of the impacted region, prior to moving to Albuquerque, I have personally seen and experienced how the region already suffers disparate harms in water quality and air quality. Approval of this application would further degrade community health and well-being and further mistreat a region whose rights to a healthy environment have been often ignored.