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"I am a behavioral health clinician in Dona Ana County and among the tens of thousands of concerned voices submitting comments on this platform to urge NMED to oppose the YGI Microgrid permit request. Considering how the climate of this designated nonattainment area reliably pushes yearly records for triple-digit heat and mounting records of poor air quality, it's surprising and concerning to see that the application is being considered altogether.

Members of our community have made repeated and painstaking efforts to seek information/transparency that support corporate claims of consideration for any affected area's environmental health, and the published metrics alone are deeply disturbing. 10 million metric tons of climate-warming greenhouse gases will not only harm residents of this area as a baseline—not to mention the generations to come after them—but exposure to mounting temperatures and hazardous air quality will only continue to exhaust our already overburdened emergency departments on top of endangering those being served. Emergency, medical, and behavioral healthcare workers alike suffer and regularly see the longer-term implications of existing health issues tied to our current climate—this is before the effects of operations like Project Jupiter.

The mission statement of NMED is clearly displayed; I urge representatives and staff to engage communities if the incentives driving matters of science, innovation, and compliance behind this unprecedented project are truly out of the hands of the people you serve. Please consider holding a bilingual public hearing in Santa Teresa should the application be pushed through. At minimum, the public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the application so the community members who will inevitably be affected can participate equitably.

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