

To Whom it May Concern,

I submit these comments as my humble request that the New Mexico Environment Department reject the Air Quality Construction Permit for Yucca Growth Infrastructure LLC. As the Department is aware, this permit is being submitted in an effort to construct and implement fuel cells to provide power for a group of four data centers in southern Doña Ana county. And, as the Department is also aware, it is estimated the pollutants emitted by this plant will be more than all the air pollutants in Albuquerque and Las Cruces combined.

Currently, we suffer from air pollution created from metropolitan areas which we have no ability to regulate, El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. While a state line and international border divides our communities, it does not protect our families from the air pollution created by several million people next door. Now, if Yucca has their way, we will have an additional 10 million tons of greenhouse gases filling our lungs along with the smog from our neighbors. It would not be hyperbolic to claim that if this permit is granted, this area could have the worst air pollution on the southern U.S. border.

It should also be stated that these types of fuels cells have never been built and used for this purpose before. This would be the first time a facility like data centers would be provided power using them and we have no idea how the fuel cells will perform or what other impacts we could face due to their construction and utilization

I implore you, on behalf of not only myself, and my family, but also on behalf of my neighbors, please do not grant this permit. From the beginning, no one has made any real effort to engage the community in any discussions about this project. Many of us only found out about it when our local county commission announced it would be considering issuing bonds to allow it to be constructed. Not one individual who actually lives in this area and would be directly affected by the construction of these data centers has been part of the decision-making process. We have no one in power defending our health or safety. Please, do not allow us to be poisoned by a power plant we do not want or need. Please reject this permit and protect us.