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I am a resident of Phoenix, Arizona, and I respectfully ask that Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit for Project Jupiter be denied. Arizona has been my home my entire life. My family and I live here, work here, and hope to continue building our future here. I want to know that when I eventually have children, they will be able to grow up breathing clean air instead of worrying about pollution getting worse every year. Even now, the air quality in our area is already poor. During the summer, the heat can be unbearable, and there are many days when people are warned to stay indoors because of unhealthy air. Adding another large source of pollution would only make those conditions worse. I worry not only about my own health but also about the health of my family, friends, neighbors, and everyone who lives in our community. Many people in Arizona already struggle with asthma, allergies, and other breathing problems. Higher levels of air pollution can make these conditions even more dangerous. The extreme heat we experience every summer is also becoming harder to handle, and more carbon emissions will only contribute to rising temperatures. Families are already dealing with expensive electricity bills just to stay safe during the hottest months. We should not make those challenges even greater. I am also concerned about the long-term environmental impacts of this project. If hazardous waste is not handled properly, it could contaminate our land and water. Once pollution spreads into our environment, the damage can last for years and cannot simply be reversed with a fine or apology. Future generations deserve clean water, healthy soil, and safe communities. I believe that every community deserves access to clean air, regardless of where they live or their income. Decisions like this should prioritize the health and well-being of residents over the profits of large corporations.