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The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons: - It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants.

This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear. Fuel cell technology or a centralized waste system has never occurred at this scale. Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development.

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.

I urge the NMED to outright reject YUCCA Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid. I ask the department to please hold a bilingual public hearing near the Santa Teresa community with the option to participate virtually, so that residents can learn about the risks associated with fuel cell technology.