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To the NMED,

As of July 5th, 2026, you have received over 10,000 comments regarding the Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC-YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County. Out of these 10,000 comments, thousands upon thousands are from individuals of a strong community who are urging you to reject this project. Today I too write to you in order to strongly urge you to reject the proposed AI data center and everything associated with it and its proposal.

This project poses extreme danger to the people, wildlife, and entire environment of New Mexico. It poses extreme harm to your own people and children. It poses extreme danger to your own plants and animals. It poses extreme danger to your own land that your own feet walk upon.

This project will produce large amounts of greenhouse gasses and toxic waste directly adjacent to schools and residential areas. It will also create a large amount of noise pollution. Both of these will put the people of the Doña Ana community in extremely poor conditions for their health. It will harm everyone. It will harm the adults, the children, and the elderly. It cannot be more important that you realize that these companies are willing to put the health and even the LIVES of men, women, and children at risk, just so they may get more and more money for themselves and their shareholders. It will harm the wildlife, it will harm the ecosystem. Even still, Bloom Energy, one of the companies behind this project, has a history that is less than savory regarding their illegal hazardous waste disposal methods, the truth about their work and what they are, and how they present themselves. These companies do not care about the wellbeing of the people, and the people clearly do not support this Data Center being built by a vast majority.

Despite this, the companies behind this project, knowing that their proposal is not getting the support they want, must resort to playing dirty. They must resort to falsifying comments of support by soliciting the people of New Mexico for their opinion of the matter and their contact information, only to submit fake comments of support under said people's names without their consent. They have been caught doing so, reported on the news for doing so, faced a lawsuit for doing so (and for a number of other matters). They continue to refuse to speak on these matters when questioned, and continue to be desperate for the support they are not getting. It is no surprise that living people are not willing to put the health of themselves, their families, their friends, their community, and their environment at risk for the sake of AI and rich people who would never do the same for them. At their core, these companies are dishonest. If this project was truly as good as they made it out to seem, they would be straightforward about how they will manage the waste produced by the proposal. They would not need to falsify support for their project. They would not need to resort to paying Instagram influencers thousands to support them. They would not be facing lawsuits against their practices and how they are harming the people. They would not suddenly lose their voices when they are confronted with the hard questions. That is the simple truth.

For these reasons, myself and thousands of others are sharing out voices with you to encourage you to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC-YGI Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit Application. This project puts the state at risk, and risks the health and futures of children. There is no true reason that would ever be worth that. The people of New Mexico are not guinea pigs to be

tested on or fools to be lied to. We as a community beseech you to outright reject this project.

The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. If you will not outright reject this project and permit, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.

New Mexico is a beautiful and welcoming state. But we are not sorry to say that we do not want these companies or their AI data centers in Santa Teresa, in Doña Ana County, or anywhere in New Mexico. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
-Keegan & Mirren Russ