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I am a resident of Mesilla, and I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. I want to continue living in my home here knowing I have a safe and secure future. That future is under threat with this proposed air quality permit. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the suffering we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. To add 10 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution and a vague estimate of toxic emissions to our active and long-time nonattainment zone would destroy my quality of life. Our metro area is currently 16th worst in the nation for ozone pollution and we have received a failing grade on this air quality standard every single year since 2000. We are already breathing some of the most compromised air in the country. It is unacceptable to invite a new source of hyperscale air pollution into our communities. The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. We cannot endure, no afford (electrical bills are high enough), more intense heat. The other toxic air pollutants are extremely dangerous—many of them at very low levels. I am in my early thirties, and stats like this completely me dissuade me and my friends from considering starting families here. The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. The air quality permit application should be denied given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. If the permit is not denied, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually. Thank you for your time today. Please look within yourself and do the job we believe in you to do.