

Brigid Ovitt

Dear NMED staff,

My name is Brigid Ovitt I am a New Mexico resident, and I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County.

I am a lifelong New Mexico resident, and I care about the direction our state is taking. I care about New Mexico's environment and about the effects this project will have on our air, water, landscape and wildlife and on the residents who would live near the project were it built.

The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons: It would produce a high level of greenhouse gases 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. 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, so that residents can learn about the risks associated with fuel cell technology.

Sincerely,

Brigid Ovitt