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Like many of the other residents of Dona Ana County, I am dismayed at the manner in which Project Jupiter has been rapidly making its way past the necessary legal processes and governmental oversight with little transparency and minimal information for the public to observe.

There is growing opposition to these data centers by many communities as the real implications of the industries' impacts become more clear. What is known is that the extremely large data center, Project Jupiter, will require a huge amount of energy. This massively large-scale energy production process will have severe environmental, public health and economic consequences but the full impacts are difficult to accurately quantify (<https://hsph.harvard.edu/news/analyzing-air-pollution-health-economic-risks-from-ai-data-centers/>).

From what I have researched, it is known that the proposed fuel cell plant will produce a tremendous amount of air pollution. It will emit millions of tons of carbon dioxide and will release toxic chemical pollutants including cancer-causing chemicals (benzene), heavy metals (lead, arsenic, chromium) and other toxic compounds (e.g. sulfur).

Given that the proposed location already suffers from poor air and water quality already, the addition of the proposed energy production will only worsen conditions for inhabitants and their environment.

In addition, the energy company proposing the plant, Bloom Energy has a very poor history and is not to be trusted. It was guilty of illegally mishandling hazardous waste in several states and falsifying records.

Therefore, Bloom Energy's air quality permit application should be denied.

Thank you for considering my comments.