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I have heard anecdotal reports in Las Cruces of pro-Jupiter canvassers falsely submitting pro-Jupiter comments to NMED on the Yucca Growth Infrastructure permit. Now, an article published on line by Source NM actually documents instances of paid canvassers for Project Jupiter collecting email addresses from folks that are either opposed to or on the fence about the project. These email addresses are then used to submit pro-Jupiter comments to the NMED.

These instances of fraud occur not just with one canvasser or in one location, raising concerns this is a widespread problem.

This is a horrible perversion of the comment process, which NMED must investigate and try to rectify. NMED need to send to each and every person who is listed as submitting comments a copy what was submitted in their name and a link where they can report any discrepancy between what was submitted and what their real views are. Otherwise, this attempt to create a false public record will undermine the credibility of NMED and the Department's public participation process.

NMED should also investigate if any laws have been broken by the false submission of comments and seek whatever accountability the law affords.

The Source NM article referred to above is available at:

<https://sourcenm.com/2026/06/30/new-mexico-residents-say-their-names-used-without-permission-to->