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Yucca Growth Infrastructure's (YGI's) (second) application for an air pollution permit should be DENIED in its entirety. YGI's planned project is anything but "green." The microgrid facility will be, for all intents & purposes, a natural gas power plant. It will emit at least 124 tons of VOCs per year which will exacerbate already dangerous levels of ozone and likely violate ambient air quality standards.

Fuel cells, it should be noted, also emit hazardous wastes in unknown quantities, and YGI has not addressed that at all. If built, the grid will emit more greenhouse gases per year than New Mexico's 2 biggest cities combined. The NMED does not have a framework in place to regulate such a massive polluter.

Moreover YGI has not provided a fire hazard analysis or plan for this facility. In hot, dry NM, this is unconscionable.

Community groups and many individuals are opposed to this land grab and have been from the start. Project Jupiter has been far less than transparent about the real world risks of this center, and YGI is following that playbook. This is a re-submitted application, because so many people were opposed to the first. But they've made nothing better. The application should be denied.