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Dear NMED Staff, I am writing to share my concerns about Project Jupiter and to urge NMED to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI microgrid in Doña Ana County. I am a new teacher and I care deeply for the health of our state's children. Santa Teresa Elementary and High School are located within five miles of this project site. 96% of students at the high school are Hispanic. There are also day care centers located within miles of this site. This is an environmental injustice to these children who are especially vulnerable to the health impacts of NOX, CO, and VOCs, which may be produced as a result of this project. I am especially concerned that Santa Teresa is serving as the testing grounds for a technology that has not been deployed at this scale. As it stands, the project still stands to increase our state's emissions drastically, generating more more greenhouse gas pollution than New Mexico's three largest cities combined. These risks make it unconscionable for NMED to allow this project to proceed. 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. Thank you. Kaya Perce