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The area that we now call New Mexico (and especially southern New Mexico) had a history of being exploited, whether that be from Spanish colonialism, American westward expansion, or from the invention and testing of the atom bomb. Now we are seeing this happen with massive data centers being proposed and built all over the desert.

The metro area that includes Doña Ana county, El Paso, and Juarez is currently the 16th worst in the nation for ozone pollution. It is insane to think that inviting a new source of hyper-scale air pollution into our communities would be at all beneficial to our community.

We can all already see and feel the effects of human caused climate change. Adding even more carbon dioxide alone would be detrimental and would make our summers even hotter and our monsoon seasons even shorter. Fuel cells also create hazardous waste and the fuel cell provider for this project has a history of illegally dumping dangerous and undisclosed chemicals into our public landfills. Doña Ana had and continues to face an illegal dumping epidemic so how can we be sure that these systemic oversight failures we have locally won't continue and expand to include this dangerous and experimental fuel cell operation.

The health and safety of the community that me and my family are apart of should be worth more than the profits of out-of-state corporations. The only option moving should be to deny this air permit, a public hearing in Santa Teresa is non-negotiable, and we should not be gambling with the health of the citizens and ecosystem of Doña Ana county.