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Please hold a public hearing on this air quality permit. I register a resounding negative opinion to the Project Jupiter air permit. Air you can see is not a good thing but in Dona Ana County our bad air already blurs the view of the Organ Mountains and frequently erases them from view entirely. The region is already in a federal nonattainment zone. This is without the added CO2 emissions by Project Jupiter which are expected to double our level of pollution.

Safety first should be the guiding principle especially for our children. Asthma is one of the most common chronic diseases in New Mexico. According to the NM Department of Health between 2,000 and 2017, the number of those suffering from asthma jumped 40%. That was between 11 and 26 years ago and it is much worse now without the added pollution from Project Jupiter.

Air, whether fresh or polluted, enters the lungs and goes into the bloodstream. Experts link air pollution like ours to adverse health effects including asthma, brain damage, birth deformities, cardiovascular disease and childhood cancer. Please do not become part of the money grab that will only put our children in danger for the sake of profit.