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I am a Native American resident of New Mexico, specifically the Diné tribe. I call on the NMED to deny Bloom Energy's air permit. New Mexico is home to Native Americans and other minorities who live and work on lands that deserve to be protected. The issue of AI data center water useage is at the forefront of concerns around the environment, but the issue is even more extensive than water. New Mexicans should not have their health further compromised by environmental hazards, especially since Bloom has illegally dumped hazardous material before. When corporate profit is placed before the health and wellbeing of the people, then the vulnerable suffer. Native Americans and Hispanics especially are affected by scarcity of environmental and social resources. Allowing an AI data center in Doña Ana county would only deter any equitable access to health and well-being and worsen historical trends of disenfranchisement.

"The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably.

The air quality permit application should be denied outright given Bloom Energy's history of illegal dumping hazardous waste. Approving this permit would be government-sponsored environmental racism directed at residents of Doña Ana County.

If the permit is not denied outright, a public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually."