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Dear NMED staff, My name is Gavin. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Las Cruces, and I am writing because I am concerned about the risks and harms Project Jupiter poses to New Mexicans. I am submitting this comment to urge the New Mexico Environment Department to reject Yucca Growth Infrastructure, LLC's air permit application for the YGI Microgrid in Doña Ana County. The project's proposed fuel cell powered grid is concerning for many reasons: It would still produce a high level of greenhouse gas and toxic pollutants. This technology generates toxic waste, and the process for handling this waste is still unclear. Fuel cell technology or a centralized waste system has never occurred at this scale. Surrounding communities' air will be negatively impacted by this development. Accepting this air permit application is a violation and a mockery of NMED's stated mission "to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous NM for present and future generations", and violates NMED's Air Quality Bureau's mission to "protect the public health of New Mexicans and the natural beauty of the state by preventing the deterioration of air quality." Accepting this application would be a direct contradiction to the stated goals of this Department. 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. Sincerely, Gavin