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Communities need the health of their environment and the health of the water to come first, without a healthy humanity there is no point for AI to exist. Soon those towns will become ghost towns as humans cannot function or thrive in the conditions that data centers bring with them. Putting the health of humans, animals, and the environment first is the key to keeping thriving communities alive.

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.