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I urge NMED to deny the Yucca Growth Infrastructure (YGI) Microgrid Air Quality Construction Permit, or at minimum require a full public hearing and the most rigorous environmental review possible with ample time for full, transparent consideration and public input. Recent reporting has raised serious concerns about the project's cumulative air pollution impacts, greenhouse gas emissions, and whether permit applications have been structured in ways that minimize regulatory scrutiny. Doña Ana County already struggles with ozone pollution, and approving another major emissions source without comprehensive review would put public health at unnecessary risk. New Mexico should not compromise clean air protections for a project of this scale.

While this permit addresses air quality, it cannot be separated from the broader consequences of supporting one of the largest proposed AI data center developments in the country, like water use and pollution.

Please prioritize transparency, independent analysis, and the long-term health of our communities over expedited permitting.