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I am an out-of-state student at the University of New Mexico, and I strongly oppose this data center and the approval of the Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit application. The US' carbon emissions are already a leading factor in the current climate crisis and the heatwaves globally killing vulnerable, and typically brown, populations. If this application is approved, it would only further rising temperatures. With the amount of energy needed to heat the fuel cells - one cell requiring 1,470 degrees Fahrenheit - and the project releasing an additional 10 million tons of carbon dioxide into our air, the approval of this application would be simply foolish. This would not only be catastrophic for the poor and brown community members of Dona Ana county who cannot afford to move away from this dangerous plant, but the whole of New Mexico and the United States. Only a few hours away from Dona Ana county in Albuquerque, I worry that the new home and community I've found will be killed by the reckless and money-hungry property developers at Yucca Growth Infrastructure LLC, prioritizing their wallets over the people. Please help prevent the global climate catastrophe and rising temperatures by denying the air quality permit application!