

# Heyab Tekle

My name is Heyab Tekle, a data science student who has called Albuquerque home for decades. I cannot more strongly oppose the Yucca Growth Infrastructure permit request. This technology is unproven, unsafe, and serves no purpose aside from the exploitation of New Mexico's already fragile environment. The proposed plan of YGI, alongside companies including Oracle and OpenAI, would emit more air pollution than the sum total of the hundreds of thousands of people and dozens of businesses in Albuquerque \*and\* Las Cruces. No proper provisions have been taken to ensure that this will even provide jobs to New Mexico, which is the only argument the backers of this project have even attempted to make to convince us that this will be in any way good for New Mexico. The Rio Grande, a focal point of New Mexico's scarce water, is all but dry, and YGI intends to take even more of this precious resource from us. It is absolutely essential to note that the technology is entirely untested, and we ought not allow ourselves to be exploited at the hands of people who do not have New Mexico's best interests at heart. There is no good reason to accept their proposal, and the people of Doña Ana County and all of New Mexico will suffer immensely if the county and state accept this.