

Ana Chacon

Dear NMED staff, My name is Ana Chacon. Though I may not live there now, New Mexico is where i was born and raised, 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. My family still live there, even if I don't, and the thought of them suffering due to unnecessary "developments" that will take away their way of life terrifies me. What water and land there is exists for the people of New Mexico. To say that the data center would be for the better is to contradict what the New Mexico Environment Department stands for. 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. 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, Ana Chacon