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I demand that members of NMED's Air Quality Bureau do their duty to their constituents by rejecting permits for Project Jupiter. Our beloved desert home is already suffering from extraction of water and contamination from oil and gas. This project promises to dramatically increase the extraction and pollution of this land. This land is not a "sacrifice zone." It is precious, sacred land, home to plants, animals, and people. It is hard to imagine the degree of self-centered cruelty that could allow elected officials, who's duty it is to represent the interests of their constituents, to whore out their own land and the future of their own people, their own children, for something as completely unnecessary and universally opposed as a data center, all to make a profit. Give community members an additional 60 days to comment on the air quality permit. Given Bloom Energy's well-documented history of illegal dumping of hazardous waste, it is abundantly clear this permit should be denied. A bilingual public hearing must be held, in English and Spanish, in Santa Teresa, with an option to participate virtually, so that the people who will actually face the consequences of such a disastrous project can speak and be heard. If members of NMED have any principles at all, or any interest in the future of humanity, say NO to Project Jupiter. If you don't care about this land, leave. But don't ensure it's destruction for those who love it.