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I oppose project Jupiter because of the proven negative environmental impacts that data centers cause. New Mexico's land, air and water are not for sale. A few hundred jobs that might not be permanent for our local workforce are not worth the long lasting pollution, contamination and extreme water use that this project is proven to create.

Our county has and continues to face an illegal dumping epidemic so how can I be sure that these systemic oversight failures we have locally won't continue and expand to include this dangerous and experimental fuel cell operation. A fine for illegal dumping does not undo damage or its spread once our aquifer and soils are contaminated. It also will not re-capture the volatile chemicals that are released into the air when hazardous waste is improperly stored and disposed of.

My family's health and safety should be worth more than the profits of out-of-state corporations. The only defensible options moving forward are to deny this air permit or you must hold a public hearing in-person in Santa Teresa with a component for virtual participation. Materials and the hearing itself must be translated into Spanish or relevant Indigenous languages and meet any other accessibility needs requested by community members.