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I am writing to encourage the Air Quality Bureau to deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure LLC's air quality permit application for a methane gas-powered fuel cell plant as part of Project Jupiter. This fuel cell gas plant will release hazardous chemical pollutants and over 10 million tons of carbon dioxide into the air of southern New Mexico, where the air quality already fails to meet federal standards. Southern New Mexico has been used as a sacrifice zone by the military and energy companies for far too long, and the people there deserve better. Bloom Energy has a history of illegal dumping and has already exhibited disingenuous behavior when they submitted their first air quality permit applications and attempted to subvert air pollution limits by breaking their project into two microgrids. They cannot be trusted to properly manage the waste and pollutants that will be generated by this project. As I'm sure you know, Project Jupiter will generate more CO₂ emissions than both of New Mexico's current power grids combined. If NMED approves this permit and allows this project to move forward, this will be a huge step backwards for New Mexico when it comes to reducing emissions and tackling climate change. We are already seeing the effects of climate change here in our state and allowing an outside company to come in and pump an insane amount of emissions into our air is unconscionable. Lastly, this project will not benefit the community or the State and is not worth any of the environmental tradeoffs. We do not want data centers built here, especially ones that only benefit Big Tech oligarchs like Oracle and OpenAI. As a lifelong New Mexican, I believe that our land, water, and air are our most precious resources and I do not want to see them wasted and polluted for the benefit of a few. Thank you.