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Dear NMED staff, My name is Candela. I am a New Mexico resident, living in Santa Fe, 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. Data centers are proven to be extremely detrimental for local communities of both humans and fauna and flora, who suffer from its noise, the pollution they produce and, most importantly, the massive amount of water they use in order to refrigerate its systems. In other words: 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, Candela.