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I am opposed to Project Jupiter due to the fact that it proposes a danger to human and environmental health. A fuel cell plant of this size has NEVER been constructed before. Project Jupiter's power plant would be 1,000 times larger than the biggest fuel cell plant Bloom Energy has ever built. This fuel cell gas plant will release toxic chemical pollutants and 10 million tons of carbon dioxide into our air.

Project Jupiter will produce more air pollution than the two consumer electrical grids that power NM families and businesses and developers did not propose pollution controls. Bloom Energy has been fined a total of \$1.4 million dollars for illegally storing, transporting, and dumping this hazardous waste in several states AND falsifying records over many years to cover it up.

Project Jupiter's fuel cell plant will generate enormous amounts of hazardous waste containing:
Cancer-causing chemicals (benzene)

Heavy metals (lead, arsenic, chromium)

Toxic compounds (sulfur and others)

All of these poison the human body, our water, and our soil. Health risks from exposure to the pollutants can cause things such as childhood asthma and brain damage, headaches, dizziness, memory loss, nausea, and permanent damage to organs. Quality of life for residents in Dona Ana will decrease and overall health of the community will be jeopardized.

New Mexico Environment Department's mission is "to protect and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous NM for present and future generations." NMED's Air Quality Bureau "protects the public health of New Mexicans and the natural beauty of the state by preventing the deterioration of air quality."

The public should be given an additional 60 days to review and comment on the air quality permit so community members can participate equitably. A public hearing needs to be held in Santa Teresa, in both English and Spanish, with an option to participate virtually.