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New Mexico is a beautiful state that needs to be protected and already suffers some of the lowest poverty rates in our nation. Do you understand that the effects of this data center alone can ruin the entire state. We cannot afford for the cost of living to increase, for the pollutants being released into the air to raise our temperature, for you to steal and poison waterways that have been used to tend the lands and keep people alive across our state for generations. I want to continue growing here, build a family, and have a secure future. That future is under threat with this proposed air quality permit. A change to fuel cells has minimal impacts on the suffering we will endure as a result of the gas plant's air pollution. To add 10 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution and a vague estimate of toxic emissions to our active and long-time nonattainment zone would be nothing short of blatant environmental racism. Our metro area is currently 16th worst in the nation for ozone pollution and we have received a failing grade on this air quality standard every single year since 2000. We are already breathing some of the most compromised air in the country. It is unacceptable to invite a new source of hyperscale air pollution into our communities.