

Autumn Todd

While I live in Albuquerque and have been a resident since 2006 I have grown to love New Mexico. It is my home. I have made it my home because of its unique landscape and environment that drew me here. I am asking that you deny Yucca Growth Infrastructure's air quality permit. I want to continue seeing my godchildren, nieces, and nephew growing here knowing they have a safe and 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. The carbon dioxide pollution alone will heat our atmosphere at a much faster pace and promote the formation of even more ground-level ozone. I can barely pay my electricity bills in the summer as it is. We cannot afford more intense heat. The other toxic air pollutants are extremely dangerous—many of them at very low levels. How are we supposed to send our children to schools knowing it can cause permanent brain damage or breathing complications before they have had a chance to grow up. The residents of New Mexico are not to be experimented on. There is nothing beneficial to our state or communities by the toxicity this will cause to our environment. This is not our way. Deny the air quality permit. The public should be given more time to review and comment on the air quality permit in order to evaluate the impacts to their communities and families. Given prior history Bloom Energy has already proven itself to be unreliable, untrustworthy, and irresponsible considering their history of illegal dumping of hazardous waste. Unacceptable in our own communities. People live here, for the love of God. Families send children to school here. Our environment is impacted and the people that live and work in the high desert deserve to have clean and healthy lives and air!! Assuming the permit is not denied a public hearing MUST be held in Santa Teresa (in English, Spanish, in person, and virtually)!! The approval of this air quality permit is akin to governmental approved racism!! Considering that Dona Ana County residents are already negatively impacted by poor air quality.