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## Solar - Yes; proposed AES project -No!

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I am writing in opposition to the proposed AES battery storage facility. Although I agree and support the need for new solar projects, as well as other sustainable power production, this project is fatally flawed and should be ash-canned.

This battery storage facility (which is in fact what it is - not a solar facility) is dangerous as designed and as sited. The batteries AES currently proposes to use failed 4 of 5 safety tests - an 80% failure rate! No wonder AES sought to hide its failure claiming the tests were 'trade secrets.'

Moreover, the proposed battery storage facility sits in what PNM tells us is a 'High Wildfire Risk' area. Think of the catastrophic result of a Moss Landing-type fire, with a toxic fire plume shooting into the strong winds that blow across that part of Santa Fe County. Although AES claims that a fire will be 'contained,' that is hardly the case with respect to the toxic plume that results from such a fire. At Moss Landing, testing has shown that that fire released toxic heavy chemicals, PFAS, into soil as far as 7.5 miles from the fire. Imagine that here - covering Eldorado, San Marcos, the prison and jail, Rancho Viejo, Seton Village, Lamy, Los Cerrillos, the Santa Fe Airport, **several schools**, and even much of Santa Fe itself, contaminating soil and water.

Further, there is no need to site this project in the area proposed. The State Land Office has identified 9 million acres of safe, acceptable locations for these types of facilities, areas that do not pose an imminent danger as does this project. **AES testified that it never considered another locations. It makes no sense to put a known fire hazard in a residential area.**

Given that the current administration in Washington has all but abandoned its duty to oversee environmental matters, and has basically destroyed FEMA, it is up to the state and county to protect its residents from these disastrous proposals.

There are many other sound reasons to pass on this proposal, not the least of which is AES's history of fires at other of its battery storage facilities, notably Chandler and Surprise, Arizona. This project is .

Please say no to the AES project.

Sincerely,

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