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## Oppose the AES project

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To Santa Fe County,

As my representatives, I urge you to reject the AES project as proposed for the location between Rancho Viejo, Eldorado, and Rancho San Marcos.

Any proposed project that contains a battery energy storage system (BESS) is not safe to be near so many homes and schools. Tell them to find another location! (BLM has designated several.)

We don't have to look far into history to know about failed projects such as AES's own fires in Escondido, CA, and Chandler and Surprise, AZ, which had serious consequences for the environment and people. In addition AES' history of 54 violations resulting in \$40 million in fines paints the risk for an AES project like this as sky high, too high.

Honestly, I cannot see why Santa Fe is even considering it. The solar panel portion cannot mitigate any of the risk or impact of the BESS portion. Reject this project. Approval would be negligent representation of citizens who moved here under different circumstances -- quiet, beautiful, safe.

Santa Fe citizens are thinking that should this project come in, we'd face an unnatural noise/hum replacing prairie silence, environmental and property damage risk, loss of homeowners and renters insurance risk, property value loss, and who will be liable? Many who will want to move away because of this project alone may not be able to. EAWSD recently gave another talk about fire preparedness and prevention that underlines again the folly of introducing this project's serious risks in our windy area.

Please add this letter to the proposed facility "Conditional Use Permit" application packet for the commissioners to review. Please step up and represent the citizens!

Kathy Priola