
The AES Power Plant

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To Public Comments AES/BESS Permit Hearing <publiccomment@santafecountynm.gov>

Dear Commissioners:

This power plant must not be installed.

Over 500,000 lithium batteries in storage containers in an area with high winds and lots of undergrowth that can burn. And it will catch fire if it is built, sooner or later. It will.

AES has a horrible safety record. They have been fined more than \$40,000,000.

Our fire department does not have the capability to handle a lithium battery fire. They do not have the experience.

The proposed location is within a few miles of over 10,000 residential units and untold wildlife.

You must do what the majority of your electorate wants. And that is to deny the permit.

We elected you and you represent us.

There are more that 1,500 people protesting this installation.

And I can assure you they will remember who votes for or against the approval of this horrible power plant when election time comes around.

I am sure you could get a lot of support from all of us that oppose this installation if AES would move it to one of the other areas in the state that have been marked for such power plants.

Vote down the permit.

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