



Please STOP AES

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Dear Mr. Sisneros,

The AES lithium battery plant is dangerous both to Santa Fe and New Mexico.

Please add my name and letter to the Conditional Use Packet being sent to the County Commissioners.

Fire is a major concern. It is only a matter of WHEN, not whether, there will be open flames above one or more of these lithium batteries. AES notes this in their own literature. As it can't be put out by regular means, we simply have to endure open flames, possibly very high ones, in typically **high wind** New Mexico conditions. Our high winds often last for a week to 10 days, as they did in the massive fires a few years ago that spread destructive fire from north to south across the state in two lines — one to the east and one to the west of Santa Fe, Taos, another populated areas.

(Contrary to popular belief, lithium batteries are not environmentally friendly. Their production involves massive strip mining, slave labor, and is the cause of ugly wars in Congo.)

AES as a company has a terrible record all over the US and internationally. Evidence is highly documented if you need this.

With increasing fires all over the west, not enough firefighters, and not enough water, this is the wrong time to choose lithium batteries with their thermal runaway fires.

Please be sensible. This is simply the wrong choice for New Mexico.

Thank you,

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