

Site Layer 1, LLC Air Quality Permit Application Public Comments

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Dear Permit Programs,

I am writing about the notice of air quality permit application for Site Layer 1, LLC for its data center powered by natural-gas fired electrical power generation facility in Grant County, NM that was published in the Silver City Daily Press' Legal Notices August 27, 2026, page 5. The public comment period's closing is not listed. I would like my comments to be incorporated into the permit review process. Please email a receipt of my letter.

At 1,293,600 tons of pollution per year this may place Site Layer 1 as one of the top polluting sites in New Mexico. Add this extreme amount of pollution to two other top one hundred most polluting sites in NM, the two Freeport Copper Mine Pits, with Chino Mines polluting Grant County with 437,370 tons of air pollutants per year.

There are battery powered mining haul trucks to reduce the mine's air pollution. Renewable energy would also drastically reduce Site Layer 1 extreme pollution and slow long term harm to our environment. **I am asking that you deny this permit.**

1,730,970 tons of air pollution in Grant County will further harm our health as the pollution will be carried towards Silver City with the prevailing winds heading north-east. It is ironic that one of SWNM largest ranches, the Hurt Ranch, would be selling out and thereby contaminating adjacent public land ranches. Adjacent to where the Hidalgo County Commissioners recently passed an ordinance banning data centers. **At a minimum, schedule a public hearing before Site Layer 1 begins construction.** Project Jupiter, being built without the necessary permits, threatens potential job losses if it doesn't receive permits. What role have Grant County Commissioners played?

Thank you for responding to my questions.