

Dominic J. Sisneros

From: Greg Shaffer
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 4:51 AM
To: dara mark
Cc: Dominic J. Sisneros
Subject: Re: AES battery storage project

Dara,

Thank you for your email, which has been forwarded to the Growth Management Department for inclusion in the record for AES's Conditional Use Permit application.

For additional information concerning this application, including public meetings and public hearings, visit <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth-management/building-development/large-scale-renewable-energy-projects-2024/uaes>.

Sincerely,

Greg

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Subject: AES battery storage project

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Dear Gregory Shaffer,

I am writing to you from my home in Santa Fe County because I am increasingly concerned about the safety, the water use and the environmental dangers posed by the AES battery storage project. The more I read, the more I worry.

Specifically, I doubt that the County has the expertise to evaluate this utility-scale project and its dangers to nearby residential areas. My house is about 5 miles from the site and in a direct line east of any potential toxic fumes or smoke or even fire that could be released in an accident. What if a fire

should happen on a windy day? How will the County respond with fire suppression and/or evacuation plans? Over the 35 year lifespan of this project, how many fires can we expect to occur? Even one is too many as far as I am concerned. Will a toxic plume affect my neighborhood? If so, will I ever be able to return to my home (I am chemically sensitive so any toxic exposure is extremely hard on me)?

According to the information on the cleanenergycoalitionSFC.org website, a six-year study has concluded that the internal battery container fire detection and suppression systems in this type of project fail more than 25% of the time.

There is also the water use issue. Here I am rationing water to my precious trees and limiting my showers, but the AES permit application requests up to 1,000,000 gallons of water per year of operation. Where will all this water come from? We already have a situation in the County of industrial toxins getting into the groundwater. Once that happens there is apparently no remediation possible.

It is better to be safe than sorry.

Thank-you for your attention to this issue.

Dara Mark