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Thank you for providing this opportunity to speak to the concentration of air polluting industry in my community, Quincy. This is an example of Environmental Injustice for this low income, minority community to have 421 locomotive sized engines in our small city footprint, an area of 6.131 acres. My many data center comments contain detailed information about my community: 2020 Census 80.3% Hispanic, 81.1% low-income, No health insurance 20.6%. Over the years I have participated in the comments, Ecology has switched the health issues from respiratory and heart issues to cancer. To me, this is intentional. People die quickly from strokes or heart issues, but die slowly from cancer. The health impacts need to be evaluated fairly, not in a manner to delay understanding of the risks to local citizens. Pm2.5, NO2 and the other emissions are deadly and damage the young and the old.

On page 16 of 42, Ecology tells us "the risks from these emergency engines is somewhat offset by:...Lower population density in areas immediately surrounding data centers." I want to point out that the newest Ecology permitted engines in Quincy are in the Columbia Microsoft data center and it is about a football field away from Mt.View Elementary School.

I complained that Ecology is applying different standards to inform the public about emissions. The historic standard emission maps clearly identify the landmarks in the community. The newest Columbia emission maps show the public no identifiable features to assess the emissions. The application of a different standard robs the public of benchmarks for understanding emissions. I was given several reasons for the map changes but I do not find them acceptable.

If Ecology continues to over-burden this community, at least we should be properly informed. The companies that are installing these dangerous diesel engines are among the wealthiest in the world. The data center life cycle is decades. For these engines to be permitted without emission controls is unjust and should be illegal. Putting the residents of this hard-working city at risk should be illegal. Thank you for considering my comments.