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Dear Sir/Madame,

This is my public comment on the Microsoft Columbia Data Center located in Quincy, Washington. This data center was the first data center built in Quincy, Washington. Most of the construction was done without an opportunity for any public comment. It was not until later that the general public was informed about the project. It was much later that the details about the diesel generators were shared with the public. The emissions from the generators is my concern.

I have presented emails regarding Columbia and the danger of these emissions to the school children at Mt View School elementary but these incriminating emails have made no difference to the continued permitting of many additional data centers.

As of December 17, 2024, Quincy had 416 large diesel generators permitted. All of these generators are inside the Quincy City Limits. Because of our position in the irrigated agricultural part of the State, we have an abundance of farm workers. We are a low-income, minority community and the impact of the emissions from the generators is an example of Environmental Injustice. I have provided factual documents to back-up these assertions in previous Public Comments.

My comments today are that the Department of Ecology and the State of Washington is continuing to permit dangerous levels of emissions and particulates to shower down on Quincy residents as well as people in the surrounding Grant County. I believe it is morally wrong to know exactly how these emissions might impact the elementary children in Mt. View School. I know that their lungs, hearts and neurological systems can be affected by going to school so close to Columbia. The teachers in that building will possibly work there for years and their exposure might possibly shorten their lives. Columbia was built in the wrong place to start with and Microsoft continues to add to that facility. Microsoft will not move Columbia so the best solution is for Microsoft to move Mt. View School away from the Columbia emissions. I am requesting that Microsoft do the right thing and build a new school and protect these children and teachers.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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