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hell no - no more air pollution in Quincy and Washington state. It really pisses me off that you (the Ecology!) are not denying this kind of outrageous requests on the spot, wasting everyone's time. Surprised you are still not requiring these super-rich innovative MicroMetaAmaGooglaSoft subsidiaries to buy clean backup battery banks (even my neighbor has a Powerwall by now) instead of noisy dirty diesel. They will test-run it monthly and drain/replace diesel fuel. Then, they will run it for days during power outages. Diesel is the worst, it's toxic, cancerogenic and causing all kinds of diseases. This is direct sale of our health to profit these few CryptoAI billionaires expanding these data centers.

Please, check this out carefully: <https://www.enabledemissions.com/>

Disturbingly, they're also enjoying enormous tax breaks in Washington, approved by mistake over a decade ago on broken promises to create jobs. They didn't and don't create any jobs, it's all automated, like refrigerators:

<https://www.kuow.org/stories/data-centers-put-wa-clean-energy-goals-in-jeopardy>

<https://www.kuow.org/stories/washington-has-a-data-center-problem>

<https://www.kuow.org/stories/u-s-electricity-demand-is-set-to-explode-that-will-make-it-harder-to-cut>

<https://www.kuow.org/stories/climate-pollution-surges-in-washington-state-after-pandemic-lull>

It's a sad story of lobbying and gross incompetence of WA lawmakers who made this disastrous taxbreak decision 15 years ago, rewarding a billion dollars (or more) taxbreaks to these climate polluters in the Pacific Northwest.

MICROSOFT alone received half a Billion tax break to create under 500 jobs...

Shortsighted lawmakers attracted so many useless datacenters to Washington that as a state we're now emitting more GHG than 20 years ago!

So who were you sworn in to protect, these billionaire corporations or the general public?

It is often the most disadvantaged and vulnerable members of our community, such as low-income households, elderly, immigrants, students and workers themselves who are breathing the harmful exhaust.

And don't even get me started on climate change. You folks at the state Dept. of Ecology should know better than anyone else that they (fossil fuels) are destroying our only habitable planet before our eyes. Ironically, the droughts, disappearing glaciers and snowmelt in Cascades are also reducing our hydro power outputs at the hundreds of Washington dams, at a time when these power-hungry data centers consume more and more power. This is all like shooting ourselves in the foot, short-term thinking. Don't say you can't stop it. When there's a will, there's a way.

California did it. They've deployed battery banks at scale. They are even repurposing old EV batteries because they are so good that even old they can still be used for this purpose.

They've even banned all SORE (small off-road internal combustion engines), all the online and in-person retailers were prohibited from selling SORE equipment to California residents.

There are more and more cities banning the sale of new SORE, and portable diesel generators are out by 2028 per CARB (California Air Resources Board).

<https://www.lovelafayette.org/city-hall/commissions-committees/environmental-task-force/leaf-blowe>  
<https://www.thecooldown.com/green-business/colorado-gas-powered-lawn-equipment-ban/>  
<https://www.thecooldown.com/green-business/ban-on-gas-powered-lawn-equipment-lafayette/>  
<https://guide.thecooldown.com/polls/do-you-think-the-government-should-ban-gas-powered-lawn-too>  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/04/30/gas-leaf-blower-mower-bans-spread-us-figh>  
<https://coloradonewslines.com/briefs/limited-ban-on-government-use-of-gas-powered-lawn-equipment>  
<https://www.fastcompany.com/90972850/why-leaf-blowers-are-being-banned-across-the-country>  
<https://www.axios.com/2021/12/10/california-gas-powered-zero-emissions>

You must understand that every new year for the rest of our lives will be the hottest, or one of the hottest, on record. Since land mass is heating up faster than ocean, parts of the U.S. have already heated up by a whopping +5F (+3C) just in the last 65 years. Oceans warming up slower due to higher evaporative cooling and heat absorption, taking in 90% of heat (and about half of CO<sub>2</sub>) so the average global mean of +1.6°C from pre-industrial is like a downplay. We see more extreme jumps over +10°C above average around the world on more days. People dying in heat waves. A global average temperature of 2024 was 0.12°C higher than in 2023. At this alarming rate of temperature increase, we're looking at 1°C added per decade, which is extremely concerning, as both terrestrial and ocean CO<sub>2</sub> sinks are getting saturated and becoming less effective. It can also accelerate due to feedback loops. CO<sub>2</sub> is a stubborn gas that, once emitted, remains in the atmosphere for millennia.

Unbelievably, we are now living through the hottest temperatures in 125,000 years. Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are higher than at any time in at least 2,000,000 years. Our planet's changing climate has become the single most important problem for the humanity to solve in the XXI century and beyond. Military called it a "threat multiplier" because it is making everything worse, affects every other aspect of our life and society, and is mutually reinforced by socio-economic injustice. It's our duty as Washingtonians to be on the right side of history that will be judged by the future generations.