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Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I am a concerned community member and climate professional urging the Department of Ecology to hold a public hearing regarding Sabey Data Center's request to add additional diesel generators at their Quincy facility.

While the department has indicated that this application may be approved, this decision would result in increased emissions, including:

- 9.67 tons per year nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
- 2.04 tons per year particulate matter (PM_{2.5})
- 2.04 tons per year particulate matter (PM₁₀)
- 0.97 tons per year nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)
- 0.78 tons per year diesel engine exhaust particulates

As someone who works professionally on energy transition and climate solutions, I am deeply concerned that expanding fossil-fuel-based backup power infrastructure locks in additional emissions and undermines efforts to decarbonize our energy system. Even if emissions remain within regulatory thresholds, these generators pose a real risk to the health of nearby residents and exacerbate the climate and air pollution crisis.

Decisions like this are about more than compliance—they are about how we manage public resources, protect community health, and shape our energy future. Large infrastructure projects that increase emissions should be subject to transparent public review. A public hearing allows community members to formally voice concerns, ask questions, and participate in decisions that affect their environment and long-term wellbeing.

Please consider this comment as an official request to hold a public hearing before approving this permit. The community deserves an opportunity to weigh in before any final decision is made.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.