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I am extremely concerned that Sabey Data Centers seeks approval to add **19 new diesel generators**, increasing air pollution in a community already facing disproportionate environmental and health burdens.

This proposal reflects a broader problem with how data centers are being permitted: diesel backup power is treated as unavoidable. Policy research on data centers shows that diesel generators are one of the most harmful and least scrutinized parts of data-center infrastructure. For example, diesel backup generators are a major source of local air pollution, including fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and toxic diesel exhaust, pollutants linked to asthma, heart disease, and cancer. Also, permitting is often done piecemeal, approving one set of generators at a time, which masks the cumulative impact on communities like Quincy. To top it off, communities hosting data centers are frequently rural, agricultural, or communities of color, raising serious environmental-justice concerns when diesel pollution is concentrated there. All this, even though there are cleaner, more resilient alternatives.

Ecology should not treat diesel generators as the default or inevitable choice for data-center backup power. **Diesel is not the only option.** Battery energy storage systems and renewable-based backup power are viable and increasingly cost-effective, and avoid locking communities into long-term diesel pollution. If Sabey cannot commit to cleaner backup technologies, this project should not be approved.