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Dear Department of Ecology,

I'm writing to express my dismay at the possibility of a data center permit approval that includes using diesel backup generators.

I urge Ecology to deny or substantially revise the permit for Sabey's proposed diesel generators in Quincy. The application underestimates real-world particulate emissions, fails to account for startup and shutdown pollution, and continues a pattern of piecemeal permitting that ignores cumulative and lifecycle impacts in a community already nearing NAAQS limits.

Quincy faces disproportionate air-pollution burdens, raising serious environmental-justice and public-health concerns. Ecology has the authority to require Best Available Control Technology or cleaner backup power alternatives, such as battery storage, instead of locking in long-term diesel pollution. Approving new diesel infrastructure also conflicts with Washington's Climate Commitment Act and the state's emissions-reduction goals. If these protections cannot be guaranteed, this project should not be approved.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.