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Ecology should not approve the permit for Sabey's proposed diesel generators in Quincy as written. 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. Backup generators must be started several times each month as part of their maintenance, and the application doesn't account for the higher rate of emissions during startup and shutdown of the engines. 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.