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My family and I strongly oppose VoltaGrid's application for an air quality notice of construction permit and demand a public hearing about this proposal. Quincy is in the 92nd percentile nationally for particulate matter exposure and adding 14 natural gas generators makes this a significant fossil fuel project and requires greater scrutiny.

This project relies upon 56 diesel truck fracked gas deliveries PER DAY. These diesel trucks will pollute the air with their fumes. The dust from the gravel roads is supposedly mitigated by VoltaGrid spraying a suppressant annually but there is no monitoring built into this proposal.

Also there is no assessment of cumulative impact here. When you factor in wildfire smoke and fumes from the diesel generators in Vantage, adding 187,000 tons of CO₂ and other pollutants will greatly increase pollution in the area and thus have health as well as environmental impacts.

We are also concerned that this determination ignores all of the upstream methane emissions in your calculations. There should be a 20-year methane calculation in addition to the standard 100-year calculation. There is methane leakage from fracking, AND from carrying it hundreds of miles in CNG tanks from BC to Quincy, which will be much leakier than pipeline transport. Other gas projects like methanol and Tacoma LNG tried to minimize the upstream impacts too, and the DOE ultimately forced them to account for it, so there's solid precedent for this.

VoltaGrid seems to be trying to circumvent Washington state's climate laws by claiming this is a short-term project, but is relying on the Williams proposal to build a gas pipeline to serve the site. This would lock in pollution for decades.

This is a large, complex project that requires more than a 30-day comment period. I am asking for a public hearing and urging you to deny the permit until the cumulative emissions can be studied.