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I support approval of this air permit.

Data centers have become an important part of the economy in our region, bringing significant private investment, skilled construction jobs, permanent employment, and continued economic activity to Central Washington. As someone familiar with this type of infrastructure through both work and proximity over many years, I also understand that emergency generators are a necessary part of building reliable data centers and are primarily there to support the facility during utility outages, maintenance, testing, and other abnormal conditions. In practice, these generators rarely operate for meaningful periods of time, and their emissions are limited by strict permit conditions that define their actual allowable impact.

I think it is important that we continue to evaluate projects based on their actual impacts and the specific permit being proposed. Growth should be thoughtful, but that does not mean we should discourage good projects that meet the standards established for them.

Sabey has been part of this community for many years, and I believe continued investment in well-designed, responsibly operated facilities is a positive thing for our area. This permit supports that continued investment while working within Washington's established air-quality requirements.

I would also encourage those reviewing public comments to distinguish between concerns that are specific to this permit and broader opinions about data centers in general. Some of the comments submitted appear to be based more on assumptions about data centers than on the actual scope, operation, and impacts of this project. These are complex facilities, and I believe decisions about them are best made by looking carefully at the technical facts and the project being proposed.

For those reasons, I support approval of the permit.