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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Notice of Construction approval for the Sabey Data Center Building E expansion in East Wenatchee.

As a local resident, I am deeply concerned about the cumulative environmental and public health impacts of this project:

*Air Quality & Health Risks:

The addition of 15 large emergency diesel generators will release an estimated 35 tons of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and 0.64 tons of Diesel Engine Exhaust Particulate (DEEP) per year. DEEP is a known toxic air pollutant with serious health risks for nearby communities. Adding this level of emissions to our local air is unacceptable. Aside from that, we have fires nearly every summer which makes things worse.

*Energy Strain:

Data center expansions require immense amounts of continuous electrical power, placing an unnecessary strain on our regional power infrastructure and energy resources.

*Water Resource Demands:

The massive cooling demands of facility expansions put significant pressure on municipal and local water supplies, competing with the essential needs of the community and local agriculture. Our water resources are already scarce for local farmers due to wildfires every year.

Given the significant long-term costs to our public health, air quality, and natural resources compared to the minimal long-term employment provided, I urge the Department of Ecology to deny this permit or require significantly stricter mitigation measures and cleaner backup power alternatives.

Taxpayers and children growing up in this valley should not have to pay the costs with their health, and their finances.

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