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Cc: Rotakhina, Sierra D (EJC); Red Bow, Sierra J (EJC)

Subject: Re: Microsoft Columbia Data Center Public Comment Period

Good evening Jenny and WA ECY team,

I am requesting that a bilingual public meeting, in English and Spanish, be held for the WA public and greater Quincy communities regarding this Data Center and the proposed air quality systems mentioned in the below announcement. I also request that a confirmed date that allows more notice to communities to attend (beyond Jan 20th, 2025) also be considered for the online public hearing. The original announcement was made during the 2024 holiday season for many communities. Is there a specific reason this comment window is restricted to Feb 4, 2025?

I also strongly urge you to consider an in-person meeting and it be held at the Quincy Public Library and/or at one of the local schools (as listed in the proposed permit that Microsoft is encouraged to provide routine updates) to maximize attendance from local residents and community leaders.

Has this been a community gathering approach WA Dept of Ecology has taken or considered?

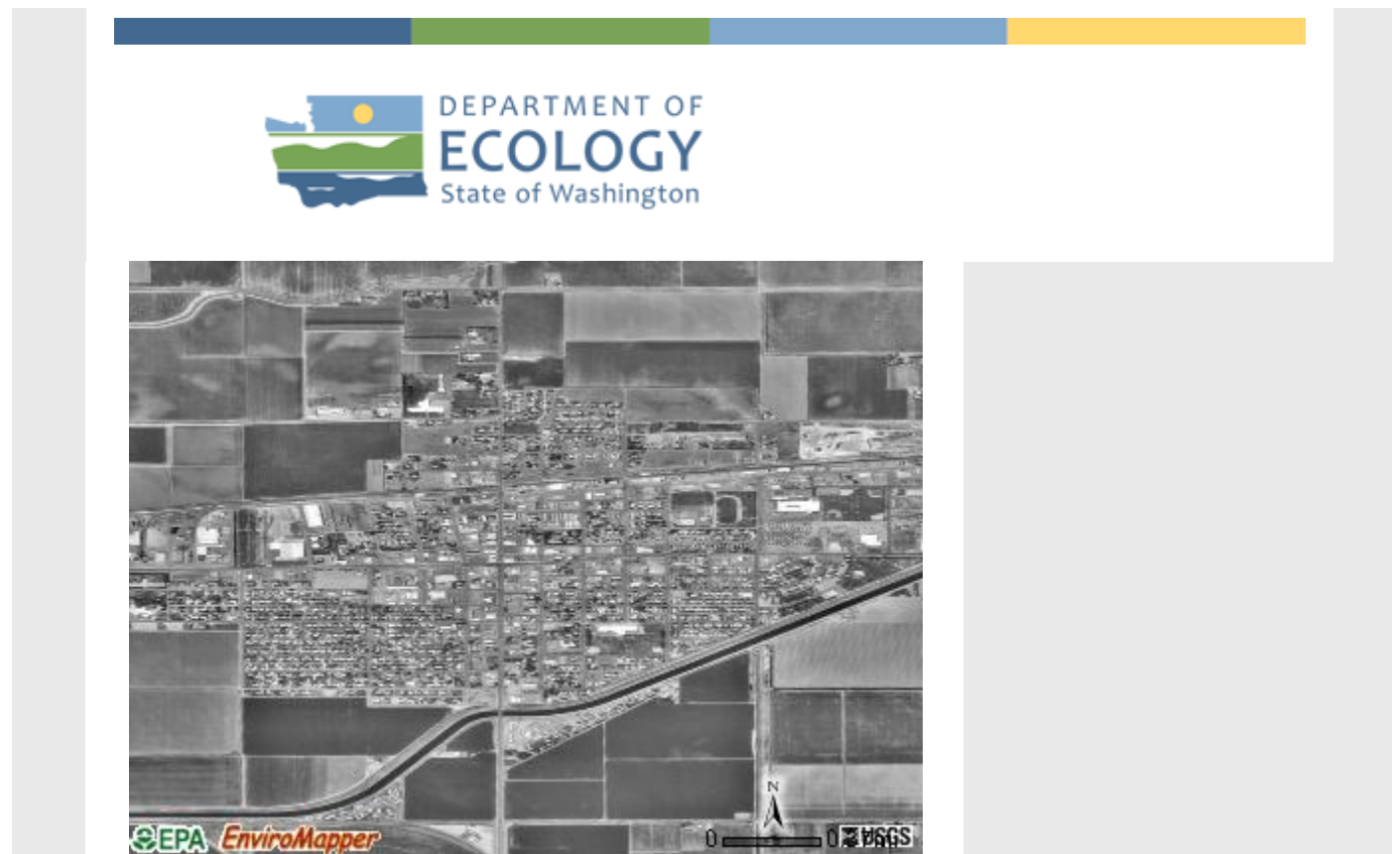
As ECY is a WA HEAL Act agency,
I have included WA EJC staff on this email.

Can you please share what in-person public notices, fliers, mailers (bilingual) have been provided to the communities in Quincy? I saw a brief sentence in the posted documents that public announcement materials were shared but details are vague at best.

According to the WA EHD Map, Quincy and the surrounding Grant County communities rank scores of 6-10 on social vulnerability index, health disparities, diesel pollution and environmental health disparities. They are clearly disproportionately impacted / overburdened by compounding environmental health, economic, and climate impacts.

As a public member that has friends in this community, attends sporting events and readily recreates in the community, and have supported local Grant County schools with STEM education programs in recent years -- I hope you will reconsider this rushed public process and provide the workers, families, and educators a more thorough and equitable process.

I am concerned about the increase of generator use (listed 7am-7pm) and noise pollution this facility will cause for the broader public. The materials are technically written but lack publicly grounded comparisons to the exposures and related health impacts -- to say areas *without* data centers as one





We are accepting
public comments
about Microsoft
Columbia Data
Center through
February 4, 2025,
11:59 p.m.

Public comment period

**Air quality notice of construction
application for Microsoft Columbia
Data Center, Quincy.**

**Public comments accepted from December
30, 2024, midnight – February 4, 2025, 11:59
p.m.**

Español: <https://ecology.wa.gov/MSColumbia>

Para asistencia en español: preguntas@ecy.wa.gov

Microsoft Corporation – Columbia Data Center proposes to update language in their existing air permit to align with current operations related to conditions with load averages per year.

Also, the facility requests allowance for more generators to operate in bypass mode; five generators instead of two for a shorter period of time. Short term emission increases were evaluated.

There were no annual emission increases from this project. The project also included modeling of emissions from nonroad engines.

Microsoft Columbia Data Center is located at 501 Port Industrial Parkway, in Quincy.

We determined this proposal satisfies the requirements of [Chapter 173-400 WAC](#).

Tentative Public Hearing: Thursday, January 30, 2025, 6 p.m.
online

An online public hearing will be held if Ecology determines there is significant public interest. If no significant written requests for an online public hearing are received by **January 16, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.**, then the online public hearing will be cancelled. We will update the web page about the public hearing.

The public comment period is now available for public review:
<https://ecology.wa.gov/MSColumbia>

If you are having technical difficulties opening a document link, please contact Janice Batchelor at janice.batchelor@ecy.wa.gov and Miriam Duerr at miriam.duerr@ecy.wa.gov.

[Review Documents](#)

[Online Comment Form](#)

Comment by mail:

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Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your comments. Ecology will consider all comments and complete our review of the proposal after the close of the public review period.

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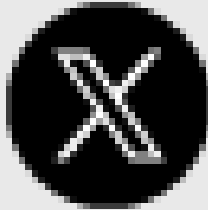
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