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Subject: Public Comment: Opposition to Starwood Digital Ventures Data Center Proposal
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Dear DNREC Coastal Zone Act Program,

I am a concerned resident of New Castle County, Delaware, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Starwood Digital Ventures data center near Delaware City. While economic benefits such as job creation are often cited, my concerns regarding the potential environmental and community impacts outweigh these claims.

My primary concerns include:

Strain on Energy & Water Resources: The proposed facility would consume a substantial amount of energy, potentially more than all Delaware residences combined, which will strain the local electrical grid and **increase energy bills for residents**. Additionally, data centers use millions of gallons of water daily for cooling, which can impact local water supplies and the Red Lion Watershed, an area already identified as a flood hazard and actively being repaired by the state.

Air and Noise Pollution: The project includes 516 diesel emergency generators, each needing to be tested regularly, which will contribute to significant air and noise pollution in the area.

Lack of Community Benefit: While the developer may promise thousands of construction jobs, the number of permanent on-site jobs (estimated around 226) is not proportional to the project's massive scale and impact. Many residents feel the project offers minimal long-term benefit to the local community.

I urge the Department to carefully consider these significant impacts on our community and environment. I respectfully request that you deny the permit for this development as currently proposed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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