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Dear Secretary Patterson,

My name is Neal C [REDACTED] and I am a lifelong resident of [REDACTED]. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Project Washington Data Center Status Decision.

I strongly believe the Data Center is incompatible with the Coastal Zone Act given the facts and criteria to be considered for this determination. This project meets the criteria of heavy industry as defined by the CZA.

The definition of prohibited heavy industry in the CZA includes an industry that:

1. Is industrial in nature. The CZA defines prohibited heavy industry, in part, by reference to a use more than 20 acres with industrial characteristics such as tanks.
2. Has the potential to pollute when equipment malfunctions or human error occurs.

Regarding 1. above:

The Data Center will occupy 579 acres and have more than 500 emergency generators, each with a 5,020-gallon diesel fuel tank. This number of tanks makes it a prohibited use both as heavy industry and as a tank farm. This new hyperscale campus with massive energy demand (estimated to be as much energy demand as the entire State of Delaware), hundreds of industrial generators, diesel fuel tanks, substations, and switchyards, is the exact type of heavy industrial complex that the CZA was enacted to prevent in the Coastal Zone.

Regarding 2. above:

With more than 500 emergency generators, each with a 5,020-gallon diesel fuel tank, the Data Center application provides air emissions data based on testing and a worst-case scenario but fails to provide a cumulative analysis for simultaneous startup of the many generator units, nor does it include a regional air impacts assessment. The application also does not explore the possibility of a leak or spill of the 2,590,320 gallons of diesel fuel in the Coastal Zone due to equipment malfunction or human error, as required by the CZA.

In summary, given the facts listed, I implore you to protect Delaware's Coastal Zone from this proposed use. Thank you.

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