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Ecology extending comment period on new Vantage Data Center permit

SPOKANE - The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has extended the comment period for the proposed air quality permit for building the new Vantage Data Center on 63 acres northeast of Quincy.

This new comment period is needed because the data center made changes to the proposed project that resulted in a slight increase in emissions. The analysis that recalculated their emissions also showed that the project proposal still complies with all air quality rules designed to protect public health.

The due date for comments is now Jan. 11, 2013.

The draft permit would allow the company to install 17 backup generators for use during power failures to support the facility's data servers and places conditions on the operation to protect public health. The generators are powered by diesel engines. The 17 new generators would be in addition to 141 generators already permitted at five other Quincy-area data centers.

Submit comments and/or questions to Beth Mort, Department of Ecology, 4601 N. Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205-1295, or by email at beth.mort@ecy.wa.gov.

Documents about the permit and the health assessment are available for the public at:

- Department of Ecology, Eastern Regional Office, Air Quality Program, 4601 N. Monroe St., Spokane, WA. Or contact Beth Mort at 509-329-3502 or by email at beth.mort@ecy.wa.gov.
- City of Quincy, 104 B St. SW, Quincy, WA.
- Online at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/quincydatacenter/>

The original public comment period began on July 30, 2012. Ecology held a public hearing on Sept. 6, 2012.

Each of the generators will be capable of producing three megawatts of emergency backup electrical power for a total of 51 megawatts. The Vantage Data Center will use the most current and effective air pollution control equipment for controlling both particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide.

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[Protecting our Air Quality](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/air.html) (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/air.html>)

[See the draft permit](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/quincydatacenter/) (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/quincydatacenter/>)

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