

July 30, Public Hearing on Amazon Data Center in Richmond County!

Amazon and Duke Energy are seeking permits from the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) to install 649 diesel generators to power Amazon's hyperscale data center in Hamlet. These generators will worsen air quality and living conditions in Richmond County!

Hearing Details

Date and time: July 30, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Old Richmond County Courthouse, Courtroom A,
[114 E Franklin St, Rockingham, NC 28379](#)

Talking Points:

- The permits would allow Amazon to operate the generators, which would emit between 100 and 250 tons of nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds annually.
 - Amazon & Duke Plan to build 600+ Diesel-fired Generators
 - This will increase air pollution and worsen air quality.
 - Amazon plans to install 592 diesel-fired generators. Duke Energy plans to install 57 diesel-fired generators
 - Amazon and Duke Energy say their two sets of generators are separate projects, which allows them to follow easier pollution rules and avoid using the strongest pollution controls.
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You can also write to the Department to share your concerns. You can **email** your concerns to:

daq.publiccomments@deq.nc.gov with the subject line "Amazon.25A and DukeRichmond.26C"

You can mail your concerns to:

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You must email or mail your comments to the Department by Friday, July 31st