

August 5, 2025

The Honorable Jessica Shirley
Secretary
PA Department of Environmental Protection
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Dear Secretary Shirley,

Please accept this resubmission of the letter we sent you on July 29 to reflect the signatures from 8 organizations and 40 individuals representing an additional 5 counties we received after our initial submission. We did not receive an acknowledgement that you received our original letter. We ask that you acknowledge receipt of this one.

The Shapiro administration is partnering with Senator David McCormick and the Trump administration to attract billions of dollars of investments in data centers to Pennsylvania, yet anyone searching the DEP's website will not find much information about this consequential development nor opportunities to voice concerns about it. The undersigned 50 organizations and 209 individuals from 41 counties are calling on the Department to correct these deficiencies.

One project that was announced months before the recent Pennsylvania Energy and Innovation Summit is the proposed Homer City center in Indiana County. Its developers boast that the data center would be powered by the largest natural gas power plant in the country, something that is of particular concern as methane's climate impacts are well-known. Yet a search of the DEP's website yields only this:

"Previously, the largest coal-burning power plant in Pennsylvania, Homer City Generating Station, will now become the largest natural gas-powered plant in the country. The plant will be transformed into a more than 3,200-acre natural gas-powered data center campus, designed to meet the growing AI and high-performance computing needs."

Amazon's proposed data centers are not mentioned on the site at all. In fact, the June 14th edition of the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) includes a notice that an application for an air quality plan approval for Amazon's proposed Bucks County site is open for comment, yet there is no mention of it on DEP's E-Comment portal. The Bulletin makes no mention of a public meeting nor a public hearing, both critical elements of a robust public participation process.

While these issues are not new, they are worth correcting as Pennsylvania embarks on the next generation of fossil fuel and nuclear energy development, this time to support a relatively new industry that would bring massive polluting facilities to communities across the state. The DEP's site should provide a one-stop shop to people seeking information on proposed data centers and accompanying large-scale energy projects, much as your GreenPort does for industry. The Department should ensure that the public is made aware of opportunities to learn about proposed projects or comment on them by advertising them very clearly on the DEP site, publishing notices in newspapers and in municipal offices and on their websites, and posting notices on physical sites.

We would be happy to discuss our thoughts with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the undersigned

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