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Don't destroy my home for billionaires profit.  
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Homeowner

**From:** [Colvin Iorio](#)  
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Hi Mr. Patz,

I hope you are doing well. My name is Colvin Iorio and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed data center being built by Sabey in Indianapolis. As a Hoosier, I do not believe this data center brings any value given the limited number of jobs it will create, but it will cause many significant issues between rising electrical prices, water usage, and noise pollution. Although I know that Sabey has claimed they have solutions to prevent these issues, I have not once seen an example of a data center of this size causing such problems, and therefore do not believe that their 'solutions' will be as good as they claim. I hope that community opinion is taken into consideration on this issue, and the data center plans are cancelled.

Thank you for your time and tallying my voice in opposition to this project,  
Colvin Iorio

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Hello, my name is Colvin Iorio and I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed data center being built by Sabey in Indianapolis. As a Hoosier, I do not believe this data center brings any value given the limited number of jobs it will create, but it will cause many significant issues between rising electrical prices, water usage, and noise pollution. Although I know that Sabey has claimed this data center will not cause these issues, I do not believe that their 'solutions' will be as good as they claim. On top of this, the speed at which this process is being rushed through despite clear and significant community opposition is frustrating to me. I hope that community opinion is taken into consideration on this issue, and the data center plans are delayed if not cancelled.

Thank you for your time and tallying my voice in opposition to this project.

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**To:** PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
**Subject:** Sabey data center

Dear Department of Metropolitan Development,

My name is Donna Rice, and I am an Indianapolis resident. I am emailing you to voice my opposition to the variance request to allow a data center in a neighborhood in Decatur Township.

I am concerned about the health impacts of a hyperscale data center less than 50 feet from residential homes. This will give people health issues for years to come from low frequency sound, water contaminants, light pollution, and air pollution.

I am also concerned about the BlackRock's recent acquisition of AES and the burden these data centers will place on the electrical grid and the surrounding communities, and how this will pass costs on to the ratepayers.

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- (3) The need for the variance arises from some condition peculiar to the property involved;
- (4) The strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought; and
- (5) The approval does not interfere substantially with the comprehensive plan adopted under the 500 series of this chapter.

Please take this into consideration.

Thank you for your time.

Donna Rice

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I'm Duane Fuller I'm writing about the data center we don't need one the noise it will cause problems for people. The electric bill we will not be able to afford the water problems it could cause pollution very few jobs for this problem it will cause us and other homes. Health issues from the pollution it will emit in the air and other driving away animals around the area and polluting the wells

**From:** [Emma Hart](#)  
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Hi Bryce,

Hope you're well.

I want to share a recent article (attached) about the health and environmental impacts of hyperscale data centers (50+ MW). As you know, the Sabey Data center proposal would be 250MW.

Here is a quote from the article: "Research shows these facilities can cause environmental and health impacts. Due to the pollution emitted from their power sources, that includes respiratory issues and cardiovascular disease."

I know you are the expert in this, so you likely are familiar with Indiana Code on variances, which specifically says that a variance approval must **"not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community."** The full citation is below, for reference.

I understand you and City Staff recommended approval of the Sabey project, stating that their meager commitments somehow make up for the public health injuries that this project will cause the community. This is not a subjective matter, that their variance is somehow acceptable because the commitments somehow make it "less bad" than it would have originally been. The law is still plain and simple: "It is against Indiana law to approve a variance that harms the public health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community." Even if the variance will harm public health and welfare of our community **in any way**, it should be denied, according to this code.

If I am misunderstanding this Code, please do feel free to share with me. My question is, what is the city's justification and proof for saying that this variance and allowing this data center will **not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community"**? And again, the way I'm reading this, it does **not** say it will be "*less* injurious to public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community." It says that **a variance must not be injurious to public health and general welfare at all**. Hyperscale data centers are indeed documented to be injurious to public health.

I do appreciate your time with documenting all of the incoming communication coming to you. I know it must be a gigantic task, but I hope you understand that we must keep reaching out to keep our community safe.

*For reference:*

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All the best,  
Emma

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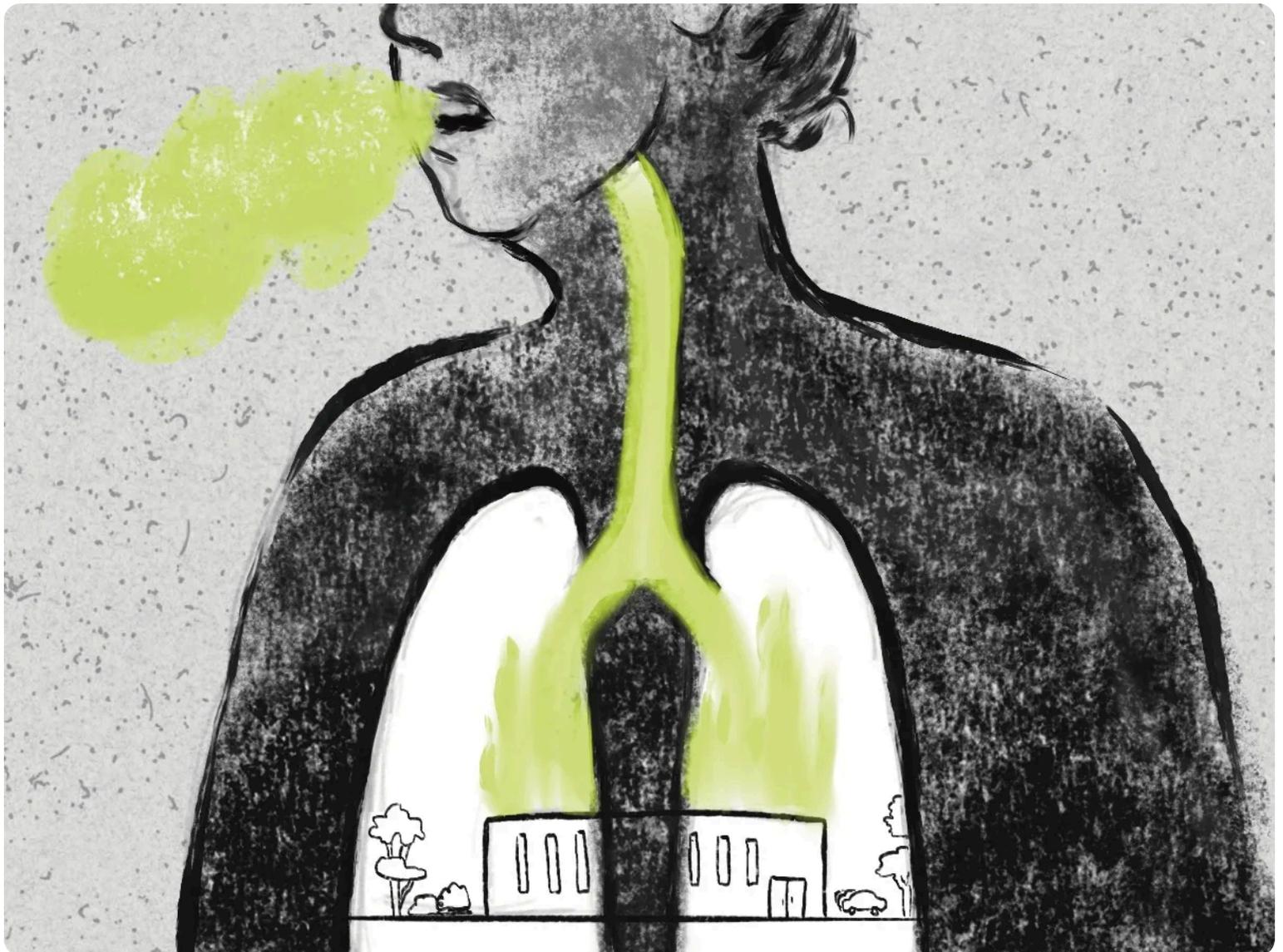
# How data centers in Indy will impact your health and environment

We asked experts about water, air pollution, e-waste and reducing your community's risk.



by Elizabeth Gabriel and Mary Claire Molloy

March 6, 2026



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So far, Marion County zoning officials have considered four proposals to change land use regulations and allow for data centers.

These facilities, filled with computer servers, are the backbone of online cloud storage and a key component for developments in artificial intelligence.

The companies have proposed data centers on **farmland on the south side**, in the middle of a **historically Black neighborhood** and **in a wooded area next to new housing developments**.

Indy residents have been asking questions about potential costs to the environment and people’s health.

With data centers in the mix, potentially contributing to air pollution, residents could feel health impacts if they live within five miles of the facility — maybe even 20 miles.

Sabey Data Centers, a Seattle-based company, declined to comment when asked about the health and environmental impacts of their Decatur Township proposal. Metrobloks did not respond to an interview request.

Mirror Indy wanted to learn about the impact data centers have on the environment and our health, and ways residents can protect themselves.

Here’s what we found out.

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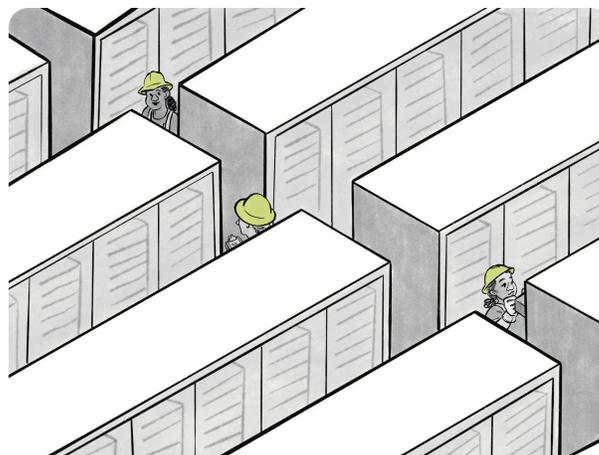
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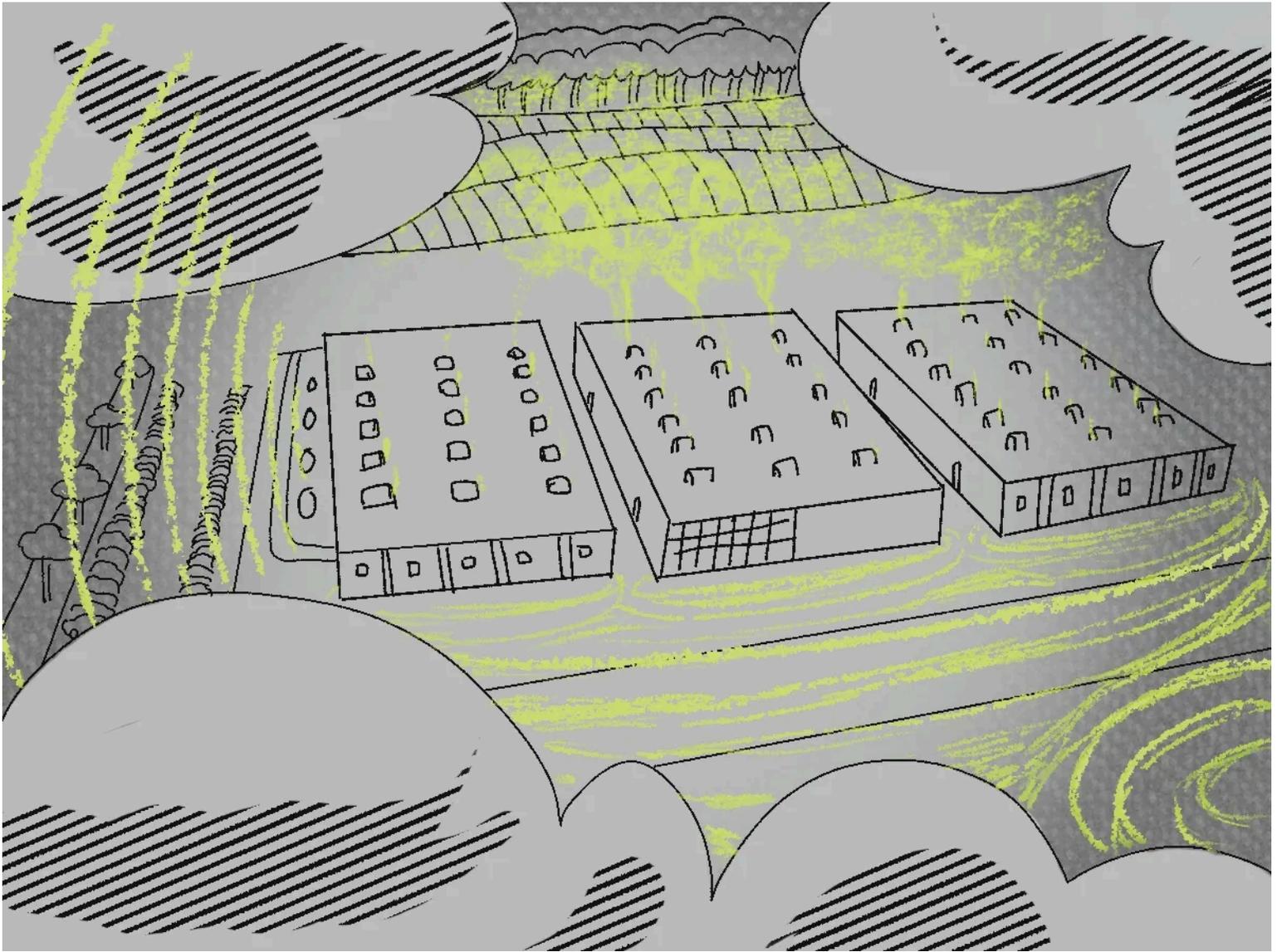
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## Mitigating risks

### **How are data center impacts calculated?**

**Not all data centers are the same.** A community's risk of health impacts is dependent on many factors, such as the size of the facility, the number of nearby data centers and the type of technology.

Much of the data center research that exists is centered around large **hyperscale data buildings**, which are typically at least 10,000 square feet, contain 5,000 or more servers and draw more than 50 megawatts of power. Research shows these facilities can cause environmental and health impacts. Due to the pollution emitted from their power sources, that includes respiratory issues and cardiovascular disease.



Credit: Martin Clinch for Mirror Indy

All of the data center proposals in Marion County would be larger than 10,000 square feet, but information about the number of servers they would use hasn't been announced publicly.

- Google, which withdrew a proposal in Franklin Township, said it would have built up to **four 300,000-square-foot buildings**, and it's unclear how many megawatts it would need.
- Metrobloks, which proposed a facility in Center Township, said the building would be more than **154,000 square feet** and use around 75 megawatts.
- American Tower Corp., which withdrew its proposal for a facility in Pike Township, said the building would be 20,000 square feet and require **four megawatts**.
- Sabey Data Centers, which proposed a facility in Decatur Township, said the building would be more than 1 million square feet and use 250 megawatts **over a five-year period**.

## **Air pollution**

Data centers can contribute to **fine particulate matter**, a type of air pollution composed of tiny microscopic droplets filled with toxic chemicals. Some you can see, such as smoke or soot, while others are too small for the naked eye. Breathing this type of pollution can lead to respiratory issues, **such as asthma, lung cancer** and premature death.

These toxins can be emitted by onsite diesel-powered generators, which rapidly pump emissions into the air. Generators are often used during grid failures, which could occur more frequently during the summer when electricity providers struggle to keep up with customer demands.

Shaolei Ren, an associate professor at the University of California, predicts respiratory health issues caused by data centers will cost the United States **up to \$20 billion annually by 2028**.

A potentially larger way data centers could contribute to air pollution is through their demand for electricity. Making more electricity means power plants produce more pollution.

“The EPA has documented the higher risk of getting lung cancer and respiratory diseases due to air pollutants next to power plants,” Ren said.



The exhaust pipe for a diesel generator outside the Netrality Data Center in downtown Indianapolis Feb. 12, 2026. Credit: Enrique Saenz/Mirror Indy

Meanwhile, as more data centers crop up, the Trump Administration has ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to **scale back its rules** aimed at reducing air pollution. The decision could make it harder to regulate emissions from data centers and power plants.

### **Water consumption and contamination**

Data centers can require millions of gallons of water from local communities. The water cools down AI servers and prevents overheating.

“The last thing you want is to turn on the tap and nothing comes out because someone is making an AI puppy video,” said **Gabriel Filippelli**, a professor of earth sciences at IU Indianapolis. “You could run out of water if it’s not well managed.”

Some data centers use **closed-loop systems**, which recycle water and lower the risk of contamination. This option is best for the environment, Filippelli said, though companies are generally not required to use it.

“They’re not recycling it because it’s cheaper to just dump it,” Filippelli said. “The heat itself can be a pollutant that kills fish.”



Lizzie Bilbrey holds a sign in protest to Metrobloks’ proposed data center during a community meeting Feb. 2, 2026, at the Frederick Douglass Park Family Center in Indianapolis. During the community meeting, data center developer Metrobloks presented and took questions from Martindale Brightwood residents about the impact the data center would have on the community. Credit: Brett Phelps/Mirror Indy/CatchLight Local/Report for America

He recommends finding out if the water resources in your community can handle the demand of data centers. If not, he recommends pushing for regulations that require companies to make the level sustainable and safer for the environment.

## E-waste

Similar to your cellphone, some of the technology used for data centers has to be replaced roughly **every three to five years**.

When people don’t dispose of technology properly, the outdated devices can release toxins, such as lead, which leach into groundwater and contaminate the air. That can stunt growth and **cause respiratory issues** in children.

Researchers suspect the increase in data centers could contribute **1.2 million to 5 million metric tons** to global e-waste by 2030. In other words, annually discarding 2.5 million tons is equivalent to 2.1 million to 13.3 billion iPhone 15 Pros.

## Noise pollution

People in densely populated areas are already exposed to **noise pollution** from everyday industrial machinery, such as cars, airplanes and manufacturing buildings. That noise can affect your hearing and contribute to **sleep disturbance**, attention deficits and heart disease.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association reports **noise levels above 85 A-weighted decibels (dBA)** can lead to hearing loss if you're exposed for more than eight hours at a time. That's roughly the equivalent to sitting in a car and **listening to city traffic** nonstop during a work day.

Research shows some data centers can **exceed recommended limits**, getting up to 96 dBA.

Data center companies that want to build in Indianapolis have insisted that noise levels will remain low. It's unclear how close someone needs to live to a data center to experience noise pollution.

- Google, which withdrew a proposal in Franklin Township, said levels would have been **63 dBA at the property line** during peak operating conditions.
- Metrobloks, which proposed a facility in Center Township, said the facility's generators **won't surpass 67 dBA** while within 23 feet of the source, which could be similar to the sound of an office.
- American Tower Corp., which proposed a facility in Pike Township, didn't publicly announce noise levels for its facility **according to Protect Pike Township**, a local advocacy group.
- Sabey Data Centers, which proposed a facility in Decatur Township, said it **won't surpass 65 decibels** at the property line, which they say is the equivalent of a single car engine running.

## Mitigating risks

Data centers are likely here to stay. But Ren, the associate professor who studies their risks, said the resulting health issues can be minimized.

"If we can manage the infrastructure needs for power and water, we can manage the health risks," Ren told Mirror Indy. That looks like assessing the possible health impacts on a community before building a data center, including air pollution levels. Companies, he said, can also use cleaner energy to power backup generators.

“We have to make sure the benefits are higher than the costs,” Ren said.

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Much of that comes down to **local regulation and transparency** — something community groups can push for. “If a tech company is pledging community first AI initiatives,” Ren said, “they have to care about health risks.”

City-County Councilors have discussed plans to potentially add data center regulations on **a local level**, but nothing has been approved.

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We do not agree to having a data center being built in Camby #2025cmp856 our names are Ellese Wyatt and Alvin Pack @4106 Mary kay dr Indianapolis In 46221: phone # 317-370-7106 foe Ellese and 317-840-6483 for Alvin

Thank you!! Ellese and Alvin. Please call if you need additional informatio.

**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Information and Concerns on Sabey Data Center and BlackRock  
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To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is Gwen Winderlich, and I am an Indianapolis resident. I am emailing to voice my opposition to the variance request to allow a data center in a neighborhood in Decatur Township.

- I am concerned about the health impacts of a hyperscale data center less than 50 feet from residential homes. This will give people health issues for years to come from low frequency sound, water contaminants, light pollution, and air pollution.
- I am also concerned about BlackRock's recent acquisition of AES and the burden these data centers will place on the electrical grid and the surrounding communities, and how this will pass costs on to ratepayers.
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- These proposals are being rushed through the rezoning process despite community opposition and without proper regulation.

I would like an explanation from this office as to why these proposals have been approved by the hearing examiner and city planning staff.

Sincerely,  
Gwen Winderlich

**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
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**Subject:** Concerned Resident

I am Jeanna West, and I am an Indianapolis resident. I am contacting you to voice my opposition to the variance request to allow a data center in a neighborhood in Decatur Township.

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**From:** [jwagner74@comcast.net](mailto:jwagner74@comcast.net)  
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**Subject:** Sabey Data Center - Decatur Township- QUESTIONS on Indiana Code  
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Mr. Patz,

As a longtime homeowner in Decatur Township, I am writing to express my strong disapproval with the process of the zoning variance for the proposed large scale Data Center in Decatur Township at Camby Road and Kentucky Ave. (Petition 2023-ZON-124 and 2023-VAR-101 (Sabey Data Center- Decatur Township)).

The tract of land in Camby was previously zoned for a technology park. But Sabey Corporation is using the previous tech park zoning to plead for a simple variance for approval to build the 250 MW hyper data center. So only seeking a variance Sabey needs just a majority approval from the 9 members MDC (5 mayor appointed, 4 by the City-County Council). The full 25-member City-County Council is cut out of this very important decision.

Admittedly I have a limited understanding of city planning and zoning: you and your Team are the experts. That said, I have become aware of the following section written in the Indiana 2025 Code and I have a question which I would like answered.

2025 Indiana Code, Title 36 Local Govt. Article 7 Planning & Development, Chapter 4, Local Planning & Zoning, 36-7-4-918.4 Board of Zoning Appeals; Variance of use

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- (5) the approval does not interfere substantially with the comprehensive plan adopted under the 500 series of this chapter.

My question - Can you explain the evidence that the Sabey Data center in Decatur Township

will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community ?

Thank you,

Jeff Wagner

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Hi, my name is Judy McKeen. My number's [REDACTED]  
And I am calling in regards to the Cater Township Sabby Data Center. I'm not sure how this got, I don't know, pushed through, but it's not welcome here. I don't want it here. I've been here 64 years out of 67. It's invasive to my neighborhood. I have had my son here. I raised him here. We all three, my husband, my son, and I have gone to school here, and this is just absurd. I oppose it completely. I need someone from your office to return my call, and I know at your earliest convenience, but sooner rather than later, please. To explain to me how this rezoning thing got processed and how Sabby got this variance pushed through. It's just I'm benomed to me how this could happen without notification to each and every one of the 36000 homeowners indicator township. Maybe it's more than that, but I'm not sure, but. As I said, I need someone to explain this all to me. [REDACTED] And oh, by the way, your music is very loud and very annoying. If somebody could adjust the volume, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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I believe this is your case.

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Hi, my name is Judy McKeen. My number is [REDACTED]. And I was calling regarding the decator township data center. I'd like someone to return my call, please, and explain to me the process of zoning change, variances, negativity impacting my neighborhood. I've lived here for 64 years. My whole life, I'm 67. I've never left this neighborhood. I went from my parents house to our own home. Probably not that you care about this, but. They are building or wanting to build this Saba thing within a hundred and 5200 ft from my house. You know, we've worked hard to pay off this house, and we planned on dying in this house and leaving it to our son. And this is negatively gonna affect our home. So, please, someone call me back. I, I'm just sick physically sick. I do have issues, health issues, and this is just gonna compound them. So, put yourself in my shoes regarding voting this thing to go ahead. Please stop it. Please call me back. Thank you very much.

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**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to data centers  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 5:46:49 PM

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**From:** Julie Goldsberry <juliego2804@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 2:40 PM  
**To:** PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to data centers

Hello Bryce,

Ever since Google tried to invade my Franklin Township neighborhood with their data center monstrosity, I have been opposed to these extractive, resource hogging, polluting monstrosities. Apparently the MDC does not share this opinion as they and their hearing examiner continue to opine that these projects fit within C-S and I-2 zoning regulations. How can this be 'light' industrial when they're going to have dozens (if not hundreds) of diesel generators with millions of gallons of diesel fuel, hundreds of li-ion batteries, and noise, pollution and height limits that require significant commitments/variances. I understand that data centers don't really fit in the current zoning ordinance, so why does staff and the MDC continually approve these projects instead of **rejecting them because they don't fit within the current ordinance? Shouldn't our default position be to decline items that don't fit, rather than shoehorn them in using C-S as a 'catch all' or approving very large variances?**

These projects ruin peoples' lives. [See this link](#) regarding significant carcinogens at Googles' site in Michigan City, IN – this is just the latest outrage in a long line of outrages at data center sites in Indiana.

I understand that you and the staff in general are under significant pressure here from the Mayor's office and MDC, but please consider the real damage that is being done to real people who have very limited power to fight back.

Not sure what you can do from your position, but at a minimum please consider somehow sending a signal that **large variances to the I-2 zoning in Decatur Township and C-S zoning in Martindale-Brightwood are not appropriate next door to residential areas.**

Thank you for your work in this difficult situation.

Sincerely,

Julie A Goldsberry  
Indianapolis resident near the previous Franklin Township Google site

**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sabey Data Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:56:02 AM

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**From:** Karen Gephart <karen\_gephart@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:21 PM  
**To:** PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
**Subject:** Sabey Data Center

Hello, my name is Karen Gephart, and I am an Indianapolis resident in Decatur Township. I am sending this email to voice my opposition to the variance request to allow a data center in a neighborhood in Decatur Township.

- I am concerned about the health impacts of a hyperscale data center less than 50 feet from residential homes. This will give people health issues for years to come from low frequency sound, water contaminants, light pollution, and air pollution.
- I am also concerned that the location is so close to Damar which works with those with learning disabilities and from my understanding have sensitivities to low range sounds. It appears they have added residential units to assist these adults to learning to live independently over the last several years. Should the noise levels be as we have been told my many this seems very selfish to take the comfort of living there from them- whether it be short or long-term as I have not been able to easily verify.
- I am also concerned about BlackRock's recent acquisition of AES and the burden these data centers will place on the electrical grid and the surrounding communities, and how this will pass costs on to ratepayers. Do you have guarantees that our electrical bill will not go even higher than they already have reached? I am already required bundling up and winter and still paying \$268, \$273, and latest bill \$373 this winter for a 1400 square foot ranch home. Too much.
- This request should require a full rezoning, not a variance. It is against Indiana law to approve a variance that harms the public health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community. Also, Sabey has cut our elected officials and community input out of the process by filing this way. Why are the residents' wishes allowed to be of absolutely no consideration.
- These proposals are being rushed through the rezoning process despite community opposition and without proper regulation.

Why have these proposals have been approved by the hearing examiner and city planning staff?

Why does it appear only those who do not actually live in our community making these decisions?

Why does our petition opposing this Center signed by 1,600 plus if I recall correctly mean less than the petitioners mere 300 signatures? This was stated during the February 26th Metropolitan Development Commission Hearing Examiner, and I have forgotten the exact numbers. It seems odd that over 5 times as many signatures meant nothing.

Please help us to keep these Data Centers out of our neighborhoods. Regardless of how much these may be needed there clearly must be areas that will provide much more open space surrounding them; there should be no need to build them right next to neighborhoods.

Thank you,  
Karen Gephart

**From:** [Laurie Gipson](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#); [Laurie Gipson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Against Decatur Township data center  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:40:14 AM

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Case# 2025CMP856

On Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 10:46 AM Laurie Gipson <[lauriegipson@gmail.com](mailto:lauriegipson@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello,

I've been a residence of Decatur Township all my life. I strongly oppose a data center being put in Decatur Township. I truly feel there are other places data centers can be built instead of in the midst of somebody's backyard. There's more negative things about a data center than there are positive. In Decatur Township, there are a lot of homeowners that have been lived here all their lives. My mother myself my siblings my children have all gone to Decatur Central high school. My mother has since passed, but I still live in Decatur Township. You cannot tell me that there are not land somewhere else that does not affect townships that the data centers cannot be built on instead of someone's backyard.

I urge you to please reconsider the data center being built in Decatur Township. If your minds aren't already made up. Don't let the \$\$ signs of the data center be the decision maker. Please think about the people that live here. Health conditions, air pollution, frequency, waves, and anything else that has to do with this data center. It's not about the money. It's about the lives of Decatur Township.

Would you want a data center in your neighborhood???

Laurie Gipson  
4625 Susy Lane  
Indianapolis, In 46221

**From:** [marjosmi1](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** Sabey Data Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:50:09 PM

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Hello Bryce,

My name is Mark Smith and I am a resident of Indianapolis and Decatur Township. My address is 3040 Benny Lane Indianapolis, Indiana 46241. I am writing in regards to my opposition to the variance change to allow a data center into a Decatur Township neighborhood.

I am concerned about the health impact from a hyperscale data center less than 50 feet of residential homes. This will give people health issues from low frequency sounds, light pollution, air pollution and water contaminants for years to come.

I'm also concerned about BlackRock's recent acquisition of AES and the burdens these data centers put on the electrical grid and the surrounding communities, and how this will pass cost onto the ratepayers.

The request should require a full rezoning, not a variance. It is against Indiana law to approve a variance that harms the public health, safety and welfare of the surrounding community. Also, Sabey has cut our elected officials and community input out of the process by filling this way.

I would like an explanation from this office as to why these proposals have been approved by the hearing examiner and city planning staff. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mark Smith  
3040 Benny Lane  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46241  
[\(317\)560-6447](tel:(317)560-6447)  
Sent from my Galaxy

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sabey Data Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 5:47:19 PM

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**From:** marjosmi1 <marjosmi1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 1:59 PM  
**To:** PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
**Subject:** Sabey Data Center

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mark Smith and I am a resident of Indianapolis and Decatur Township. My address is 3040 Benny Lane Indianapolis, Indiana 46241. I am writing in regards to my opposition to the variance change to allow a data center into a Decatur Township neighborhood.

I am concerned about the health impact from a hyperscale data center less than 50 feet of residential homes. This will give people health issues from low frequency sounds, light pollution, air pollution and water contaminants for years to come.

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Mark Smith  
3040 Benny Lane  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46241  
(317)560-6447  
Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sabey Data Center Camby, IN  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 5:44:35 PM  
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**From:** Michael Smith <msmith@woodmizer.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 3:46 PM  
**To:** PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
**Subject:** Sabey Data Center Camby, IN

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Hello, my name is Michael Smith and I am an Indianapolis/Camby resident. I have been a Decatur Township resident for 42 years and Camby resident for the last 12 years. I am emailing to voice my opposition to the variance request to allow a data center in a neighborhood in Decatur Township.

- I am concerned about the health impacts of a hyperscale data center less than 50 feet from residential homes. This will give people health issues for years to come from low frequency sound, water contaminants, light pollution, and air pollution.
- I am also concerned about BlackRock's recent acquisition of AES and the burden these data centers will place on the electrical grid and the surrounding communities, and how this will pass costs on to ratepayers.
- This request should require a full rezoning, not a variance. It is against Indiana law to approve a variance that harms the public health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community. Also, Sabey has cut our elected officials and community input out of the process by filing this way.
- These proposals are being rushed through the rezoning process despite community opposition and without proper regulation.

I would like an explanation from this office as to why these proposals have been approved by the hearing examiner and city planning staff.

- Please explain what commitments Sabey has put in place
- Please explain the permitting process after MDC approval
- Please explain long term health effects that have been researched
- Please explain how the Decatur variance is not going to negatively impact neighbors as determined by their staff report/the hearing examiner

Michael Smith  
US Account Manager | Sales



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**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Response Requested: Data Center - Decatur Township  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:55:39 AM

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**From:** moover17 <moover17@proton.me>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 7:53 PM  
**To:** PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
**Subject:** Response Requested: Data Center - Decatur Township

Hi, my name is Molly, and I am an Indianapolis resident (2309 grand prix dr. 46224)

I am writing to voice my opposition to the variance request to allow a data center in a neighborhood in Decatur Township.

- I am concerned about the health impacts of a hyperscale data center less than 50 feet from residential homes. This can give people health issues for years to come from low frequency sound, water contaminants, light pollution, and air pollution.
- I am also worried about BlackRock's recent acquisition of AES and the burden these data centers will place on the electrical grid and the surrounding communities, and how this will pass costs on to ratepayers. My AES bill is too high as is.
- This request should require a full rezoning, not a variance. It is against Indiana law to approve a variance that harms the public health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community. Also, Sabey has cut our elected officials and community input out of the process by filing this way.
- These proposals are being rushed through the rezoning process without proper regulation. The community has voiced its opposition repeatedly.

Please explain why these proposals have been approved by the hearing examiner and city planning staff.

Best,

Molly

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS.

**From:** [Nate Hazelwood](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#); [Pat Andrews](#)  
**Subject:** 2025-CAP, CVR-856  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:43:42 AM

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Good morning,

I live very close to the area for the proposed data center in Decatur Township.

I oppose the proposed Sabey data center.

Nate Hazelwood

**From:** [Pam Turner](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** Data Center Case# 2025CMP856  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:23:49 PM

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My name is Pam Turner and I live in Decatur Township. I am writing to OPPOSE the variance request to allow a data center in the Decatur Township neighborhood.

I am extremely concerned about the health impacts of this data center that will be across the street from Damar Services AND less than 50 feet from residential homes! The effects of this data center will result in health issues from low frequency sound, water contaminants, light pollution and air pollution.

This should require a FULL rezoning, NOT a variance. It is against Indiana law to approve a variance that harms the public health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community.

These proposals are being rushed through the rezoning process despite community opposition and without proper regulation.

Pam Turner

**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sabey data center  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 5:49:04 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: P Turner <p-turner@sbcglobal.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:00 PM  
To: PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
Subject: Sabey data center

Dept. of Metropolitan staff:

My name is Pam Turner and I live in Decatur Township. I am writing to OPPOSE the variance request to allow a data center in the Decatur Township neighborhood.

I am extremely concerned about the health impacts of this data center that will be across the street from Damar Services AND less than 50 feet from residential homes! The effects of this data center will result in health issues from low frequency sound, water contaminants, light pollution and air pollution.

This should require a FULL rezoning, NOT a variance. It is against Indiana law to approve a variance that harms the public health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community.

These proposals are being rushed through the rezoning process despite community opposition and without proper regulation.

I would like an explanation from this office as to why these proposals have been approved by the hearing examiner and planning staff.

Thank you,  
PamTurner

**From:** [Mark Cavill](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** Data Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:27:08 PM

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I want to let you know that my husband and I are opposed to the building of the Data Center on Kentucky Ave

Thank you

Patty and Mark Cavill

**From:** [Blackham, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Decatur Township  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 5:47:58 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Paula Hart <pkpehart@att.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 1:09 PM  
To: PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
Subject: Decatur Township

I am a lifelong resident of Decatur Township, and I am writing to express my opposition around what seems to be either a very corrupt process or at least a very unethical practice of allowing a company wanting to modify a property for an extremely different purpose than the land use it was originally zoned for, rather than requiring them to file for rezoning.

Decatur Township previously agreed to allow the property located at Kentucky Avenue and Camby Road to be zoned I2 for "light industrial". I would like for someone to please explain to me how allowing Sabey to file a petition for variances to the current I2 zoning so they can drop a million square foot AI data center containing at least 130 generators each the size of a tractor trailer, and having thousands of gallons of diesel fuel on the property within feet of residential homes, fits into "light industrial". How can the proposal be approved by the hearing examiner and city planning staff when there has been no viable explanation as to how they determined that the variance is not going to negatively impact neighbors? How did Sabey get away with not having to file for rezoning when the difference between "light industrial" and a mega AI data center is obviously drastically different? Everyone knows they filed for a variance to avoid allowing community input and they are trying to slam it in so fast before residents have a chance to even figure out how to get their voices heard! There may be legal loopholes but in what world is this ethical?

Our state and local leaders should care more about the people who put them in their very positions, and at least disallow a process that excludes the community impacted! They also should care about what makes sense for the state of Indiana and take the time to even define a data center and differentiate between current data centers we have always had verses mega AI data centers and develop some common sense regulations and oversight!

The hearing examiner (Wertz Hall) would not even approve a continuance to allow time for an ordinance to be developed, and by the way, she stated in the hearing that she does not answer to anyone, not the Mayor, not the people.

Wow!!

I expect a response to my questions as a taxpayer in the City of Indianapolis.

Concerned citizen,  
Paula Hart  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [rherrington04@gmail.com](mailto:rherrington04@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** Reference in data center  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:51:53 PM

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**Case# 2025CMP856**

**Hello,**

**My name is Randi, and I am a resident of Decatur Township. I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Sabey data center in our community.**

**Decatur Township has long been a residential area where families value the quiet environment and sense of community. A large industrial facility like a data center would significantly change the character of the area and could bring concerns related to noise, traffic, and infrastructure strain.**

**Many residents chose to live here because of the township's residential nature, and developments of this scale could permanently alter that. I respectfully ask that you consider the impact on local residents and oppose this project.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

**Sincerely,  
Randi Herrington  
Decatur Township Resident  
Sent from my iPhone**

**From:** [Rebecca Zauel](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Cc:** [Bain, Joshua](#)  
**Subject:** Decatur Township Resident Opposed to Sabey Data Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:54:01 PM  
**Attachments:** [Fire Report 2403220004.pdf](#)

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Hi Mr. Patz,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing you as a concerned homeowner. I am very apprehensive about the possible Sabey Data Center project between Kentucky Avenue and Camby Road. For reference, this is the project labelled: 2025-CAP-856 / 2025-CVR-856 / 6400, 6449, 6500, 6559, 6565, 6600, and 6833 Kentucky Avenue, and 6700, 7924, 7944, 8002, 8032, and 8210 Camby Road.

My understanding is that when a variance is approved, it can only be done if "the approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community." Please correct me if I am wrong, but I think that is a requirement for a variance.

Sabey recently had a fire at one of their data centers in Texas. Please see attached document. This caused \$2,000,000 in damages, water contamination, and exposed 21 firefighters to carcinogens. Based on Sabey's track record, I do not believe that their proposal meets the public health and safety standard of the variance.

Thank you for your time & I look forward to hearing from you.

Rebecca Burris  
Decatur Resident & Homeowner  
Indianapolis, IN 46221



# Round Rock Fire Department

203 Commerce Blvd  
Round Rock TX 78664

## INCIDENT

Incident Number: 2403220004      Incident Date: 03/22/2024      NFIRS Number: 0003614      Incident Type: (112) - Fires in structure other than in a building

FDID: XV510      Station: Station 4      Shift: B Shift      District: R4A

Initial Dispatch Code: FIRE STRUCTURE BOX ALARM

Alarms: 2      Working Fire?: Yes      COVID-19 was a factor:

Temporary Resident Involvement:

Hazardous Materials Released: (0) - Special HazMat actions required or spill >= 55 gal.

Action Taken 1: (11) - Extinguishment by fire service personnel

Action Taken 2: (43) - Hazardous materials spill control and confinement

Action Taken 3: (81) - Incident command

## AID

Aid Given/Received: (2) - Automatic aid received

Aided Agency:       Their Incident Number:

Aiding Agencies: Sam Bass Fire Department

## LOCATION

Location Type: (1) - Street address

Address: 1300 LOUIS HENNA Boulevard, Round Rock, Texas, 78664

Cross Street, USNG, or Directions:       Latitude: 30.48791885      Longitude: -97.64694976      Census Tract:

Detector Alerted Occupant: (2) - Detector did not alert occupants

Property Use: (635) - Computer center      Mixed Use:

**TIMES**

PSAP Received <u>05:29:53, 03/22/2024</u>	Alarm Time <u>05:31:08, 03/22/2024</u>	
Arrival Time <u>05:37:30, 03/22/2024</u>	Water on Fire Time <u>05:40:00, 03/22/2024</u>	At Patient Time _____
Loss Stop Time _____	Controlled Time _____	Last Unit Cleared Time <u>10:13:55, 03/22/2024</u>
Total On Scene Time <u>4 hrs 36 mins 25 sec</u>	Total Incident Time <u>4 hrs 44 mins 2 sec</u>	

**COUNTS**

Counts Include Aid Received?

Yes

<b>Suppression:</b>		<b>EMS:</b>		<b>Other:</b>	
Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel	Apparatus	Personnel
<u>14</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

**LOSS**

<b>Property:</b>	<b>Content:</b>
Estimated Property Losses <u>\$2000000</u>	Estimated Content Losses <u>\$2000000</u>
Estimated Property Value <u>\$3695280</u>	Estimated Content Value <u>\$6000000</u>

**PERSON/OWNER**

**Person:**

Name <u>Miles, Johnny</u>	Business Name <u>Sabey Data Centers</u>	Phone <u>(509) 846-4272</u>
Address _____		

Name <u>Hunter, John</u>	Business Name _____	Phone <u>(559) 213-2734</u>
Address _____		

**AUTHORIZATION**

**Report Writer:**

Name <u>GOSSARD, JAMES</u>	Employee Number <u>909</u>	Assignment <u>Batt2 B</u>	Authorization Date <u>03/23/2024</u>
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**Officer in Charge:**

Name <u>GOSSARD, JAMES</u>	Employee Number <u>909</u>	Assignment <u>Batt2 B</u>	Authorization Date <u>03/23/2024</u>
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**Quality Control:**

 AUTHORIZATION

Name	Authorization Date
LINCOLN, BRANDON	04/07/2024

 INCIDENT NARRATIVE

## DISPATCH INFORMATION

Round Rock dispatched E4, L8, E3, T3, Rsc2, and E6 to 1300 Louis Henna Blvd, the old Sears Teleserve, for a structure fire.

## EN ROUTE INFORMATION

Batt2 responded code 3 from Station 4. In route, dispatch advised that there was an exterior battery cabinet on fire. Battalion 2 arrived without incident.

## COMMAND

E4 had established Encompass Command. I assumed Encompass Command upon arrival.

## ON SCENE INFORMATION

E4 stated that the fire was contained in a battery compartment on the D/A Corner. The business rep requested we use dry chem extinguishers if possible. When I took over command, the weather conditions were very humid with a lot of fog in the area and there was no wind. There was a small amount of light smoke coming over the wall of the structure.

I was advised by Johnny, an electrician supervisor on the project, that the area was a walled-in space with no roof that contained about 6 battery backup cabinets. Each cabinet contained 2 rows of lead/zinc batteries that utilized gel acid as the medium. The company had been experiencing issues with multiple batteries in the system, including battery leaks, dead batteries, and shorted-out batteries causing multiple batteries to be replaced.

## ACTION TAKEN

When I assumed command E4 and E6 were making entry to the area in full PPE to attach the fire with their dry chem extinguishers. I announced to all units to bring their dry chemical extinguishers to E4 when they arrived on the scene. E4 advised that the dry chemical extinguishers were not going to be enough and requested a 1 & 3/4" hose line. I assigned Rsc2 and Sqd2 to pull the line off E4 and to man it.

Oncor arrived and turned the power off the entire site.

Rsc2 later reported that each cabinet had a master cut-off switch. They turned off the master cutoff switch to the 4 cabinets that were not on fire. They were unable to turn off the master cut-off switch to the two cabinets that were on fire. It looked as though they had melted in the open position.

I assigned E3 to dam/dike the runoff from the fire because it contained the gel acid from the batteries. They later reported that they had used all the absorbent off E3 and a second apparatus, but the continued use of water was threatening to overrun the dam. I requested 2 Dixie dumpsters from the electrical foreman named Johnnie. He had them brought to the door.

Around 0630 I was told that the temperatures in the compartments were going down, however, they would still spike on occasion. I announced that we were going to change our strategy and we were going to monitor the conditions and see if conditions kept improving. I began releasing units with instructions to either clear and return to their district or to return to the station and do a crew swap and have the new crew return to the scene.

BC Billy Colburn came to relieve me around 0730. I set up a meeting with the general manager of the project and their head electrician and Hazmat Team lead for 15 minutes from when we spoke. I gave a pass on to BC Colburn. See the Unit narrative for BC Colburn's narrative.

## DISPOSITION

BATT2 cleared with an FRT.

JG

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Created By: GOSSARD, JAMES

**F120**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From	Priority
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Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>06:32:00, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>07:15:00, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>07:45:00, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>10:13:55, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

Personnel

**DENNIS KINCHELOE**

**Unit Narrative**

I (Chief Kincheloe) responded to Sabey Data Center, located at 1300 Louis Henna for a fire investigation.

dlk937

Created By: KINCHELOE, DENNIS

**F128**

Use <b>(0) - Other</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 1</b>	Priority <b>Non-Emergent</b>
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Response Delays

**None/No Delay**

Dispatch Time <b>07:27:48, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>07:27:48, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>07:47:35, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>08:29:46, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

**Assist Fire Investigators**

Personnel

**RICKY VIRGNE**

**Unit Narrative**

I assigned myself to the call to assist the on call investigators.

I talked with F127, and we met with F120. We discussed what happened, and they cleared me from the call.

RV 1023

Created By: VIRGNE, RICKY

**F127**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From	Priority
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**F127**

Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>06:28:24, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>06:28:24, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>08:48:48, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>10:13:55, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

Personnel

**CHARLES PAPENHAUSEN**

**Unit Narrative**

I (Charlie Papenhausen) responded to Sabey Data Center, located at 1300 Louis Henna for a fire investigation.

dlk937

Created By: KINCHELOE, DENNIS

**E5**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From	Priority
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Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>05:58:23, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:58:30, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>06:08:11, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>08:35:56, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

**Person 1: BONNEY, JOSHUA**

**Person 2: MIKULENCAK, SHANE**

**Person 3: SIMPSON, AUSTIN**

**Person 4: HAMILTON, RYAN**

Patient Contact? <b>No</b>	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>
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Fire Products Exposed To  
**Smoke, Gases/CO, Debris/Runoff**

PPE Worn During Incident

**Hood, Mask, Coat, Pant, Boots, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Structure Firefighting Helmet**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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**Person 4: HAMILTON, RYAN**

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes

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**Person 5: ROBERTS, KYLE**

Patient Contact?

No

Medical PPE Worn

None

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Fire Products Exposed To

Debris/Runoff, Smoke, Gases/CO

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PPE Worn During Incident

Boots, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Coat, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Mask, Pant

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PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around  
Nose

No

Black Soot Around  
Mouth

No

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Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes

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**Person 6: CLOSS, COLE**

Patient Contact?

No

Medical PPE Worn

None

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Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke, Gases/CO, Debris/Runoff

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PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, SCBA, Hood, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves, Boots

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PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around  
Nose

No

Black Soot Around  
Mouth

No

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Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes

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**Unit Narrative**

**DISPATCH INFORMATION**

Lt. Hamilton, Driver Closs, and FF Roberts arrived at work at 0630 on 03/22/2024 to find E5 had been working a fire at the data center. E5 was released to return to station 5 for crew change.

**EN ROUTE INFORMATION**

E5 C shift returned to the scene after crew change.

**COMMAND**

Batt 2 B. Colburn was now in command.

**ON SCENE INFORMATION**

E5 was to report on deck with T3.

**ACTION TAKEN**

**Unit Narrative**

Command determined FD was not to enter the room with the batteries and that it was the responsibility of the owners to remove the battery banks and hazmat clean up.

**DISPOSITION**

Engine 5 was released by Command and returned to station 5.

RH 973

Created By: HAMILTON, RYAN

**TK7**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 6</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays  
**None/No Delay**

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Dispatch Time <b>05:56:50, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time	Arrival Time
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>10:13:55, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:  
**Cancelled en route**

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Personnel  
**TROY HIRSCH, CHAD HOSCH, CHARLES STOGNER**

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**Unit Narrative**

T7 cancelled due to needing an Aerial in the city for coverage. E5 was dispatched instead

TH 1011

Created By: HIRSCH, TROY

**SBCO1**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From	Priority
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Response Delays

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Dispatch Time <b>05:56:50, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time	Arrival Time
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At Patient Time	Clear Time	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

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Personnel Count  
**0**

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**Q9**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 9</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>05:56:50, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:57:12, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>06:01:42, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>06:43:36, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

**Provide manpower**

**Person 1: DAVIDSON, JOHNNY**

Patient Contact? <b>No</b>	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>
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Fire Products Exposed To  
**Smoke**

PPE Worn During Incident  
**SCBA, Coat, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Mask, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Person 2: LUECHTEFELD, CALYSSA**

Patient Contact? <b>No</b>	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>
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Fire Products Exposed To  
**Smoke**

PPE Worn During Incident  
**Coat, SCBA, Boots, Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant, Mask**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Person 3: WILKINS, JOHN**

Patient Contact? <b>No</b>	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>
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Fire Products Exposed To  
**Smoke**

PPE Worn During Incident  
**SCBA, Pant, Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Coat, Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Mask**

**Person 3: WILKINS, JOHN**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Unit Narrative**

Q9 was dispatched on the 2nd alarm. We had moved to Gattis School & Aw Grimes for aerial south stand-by in Dist 4. As we arrived, we were requested to respond. On location, we were tasked with opening up the building on the "Charlie" side for ventilation. As we made our way up the "Bravo" side a civilian pulled up in a F-150, hopped out, and entered the building. I radioed this information to command, and the civilian quickly came back outside. I met with him to ask about access through the doors that were mid-line on the "Bravo". He called a 2nd person over and we were able to gain entry. As we entered the building, we went through two doors, at which time I told my crew to exit the building and mask up due to the toxic smell and taste of the smoke. We re-entered the building and made our way to the "Charlie" side. We opened to large roll-up doors and then IC cleared us from the scene. Q9 cleared and returned to the station.

jd942

Gear was deconned by washing in the extractor & air drying.

jd942

Created By: DAVIDSON, JOHNNY

**SQD2**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From	Priority
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Response Delays

Dispatch Time <b>05:32:48, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:32:48, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>05:39:22, 03/22/2024</b>
At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>06:37:52, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time

Actions Taken:

Personnel  
**NOLAN NICHOLS, RYAN DANDREA**

**Unit Narrative**

Dispatch Information:

Rescue 2 was dispatched in a box alarm to this address, Squad 2 assigned themselves to this call.

En Route Information:

We responded code 3 from station 2.

Command:

Engine 4 established command.

On Scene:

**Unit Narrative**

Squad 2 and Rescue 2 arrived and announced they were available on the scene. Battalion 2 assigned us to stretch a line. We stretched a line off the Engine 4. Inside I assumed inside division. When I got into the electrical room, I flipped all the off switches I could find. We then knocked down the fire in the battery locker compartments. We then overhauled it. After recycling our air bottles command told us to swap out crews with the oncoming C-shift. We went to Station 2 and did PPE and personal decontamination.

1056 NN

Created By: NICHOLS, NOLAN

**RSC2**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 2</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays  
**None/No Delay**

Dispatch Time <b>05:31:10, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:32:52, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>05:39:13, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>06:42:02, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:  
**Fire control or extinguishment, other**

**Person 1: CLASSEN, TRENT**

Fire Products Exposed To  
**Gases/CO, Fire, Smoke, Debris/Runoff, Heat**

PPE Worn During Incident  
**Coat, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Hood, Mask, Pant, SCBA, Structure Firefighting Helmet**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed  
**Gear bagged, placed in cab, Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Wet brush gear with soap**

**Person 2: WADE, JIMMY**

Fire Products Exposed To  
**Fire, Smoke, Debris/Runoff, Heat, Gases/CO**

PPE Worn During Incident  
**Firefighting Gloves, Pant, Coat, Hood, Mask, Boots, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed  
**Gear bagged, placed in cab, Wet brush gear with soap, Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Used wet wipes**

**Person 3: KONDOFF, JERIK**

Fire Products Exposed To  
**Debris/Runoff, Smoke, Gases/CO, Heat, Fire**

**Person 3: KONDOFF, JERIK**

PPE Worn During Incident

SCBA, Coat, Mask, Boots, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves, Pant

PPE Malfunction?	Barrier Breach	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth
No	No	No	No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Used wet wipes, Wet brush gear with soap, Gear bagged, placed in cab

**Unit Narrative**

AOS and assigned to assist with extinguishment inside the structure. R2 met with E6 and E4 and assisted with removing doors from battery cages and extinguishment and overhaul. We evacuated the structure and were released by command.

TMC 1021

Created By: CLASSEN, TRENT

**BATT1**

Use (1) - Suppression	Responding From Sta 1	Priority Emergent
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Response Delays

Distance

Dispatch Time 05:31:10, 03/22/2024	Enroute Time 05:32:39, 03/22/2024	Arrival Time 05:46:06, 03/22/2024
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At Patient Time	Clear Time 06:35:28, 03/22/2024	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

Safety Officer

**Person 1: RAGO, RICHARD**

Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident

Coat, Pant, Boots, Hood, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA

PPE Malfunction?	Barrier Breach	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth
No	No	No	No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

None

**Unit Narrative**

I responded emergent from Central Fire Station to a structure fire box alarm located at 1300 Louis Henna Blvd. I arrived on the scene and assumed safety. When I made entry into the hazard area, the fire was under control and overhaul was being discussed. I advised the incident command face-to-face of a plan Haz Mat was considering. I noticed command talking to an engineer about power to the building and asked that the crews be advised of the conversation. I was released by command and returned to quarters.

Decontamination procedures for myself:

**Unit Narrative**

I was only exposed to smoke. I took off my gear, placed it in the bed of my pickup, and washed it when I returned to Central. As for myself, I immediately took a shower upon returning to Central and washed my clothing.

RR 946

Created By: RAGO, RICHARD

**LAD8**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 8</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays  
**Distance**

Dispatch Time <b>05:31:09, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:33:06, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>05:40:15, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>09:19:20, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

**Shut down system, Standby, Salvage & overhaul**

**Person 1: LINCOLN, BRANDON**

Patient Contact?	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>
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Fire Products Exposed To

**Debris/Runoff, Smoke, Class A Foam, Fire, Heat, Gases/CO**

PPE Worn During Incident

**SCBA, Pant, Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Boots, Firefighting Gloves, Mask, Coat**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Gear bagged, placed in cab**

**Person 2: LLORENTE, NICHOLAS**

Fire Products Exposed To

**Gases/CO, Smoke, Fire, Heat, Debris/Runoff, Class A Foam**

PPE Worn During Incident

**Boots, Coat, Pant, Hood, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Gear bagged, placed in cab**

**Person 3: KELLENBERGER, ROBERT**

Fire Products Exposed To

**Smoke, Class A Foam**

**Person 3: KELLENBERGER, ROBERT**

PPE Worn During Incident

**Hood, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Pant, Coat, SCBA, Boots**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Gear bagged, placed in cab**

**Unit Narrative**

**DISPATCH INFORMATION-**

Round Rock dispatched Ladder 8 to a reported Structure Fire at 1300 Louis Henna for a reported small fire on the exterior.

**EN-ROUTE INFORMATION-**

We responded from our respected Station code 3, distance and weather caused a delay. Dispatch advised that the GC was on the scene advising this was a battery fire in a cabinet on the exterior.

**COMMAND-**

Batt 2 had command.

**ON-SCENE INFORMATION-**

Ladder 8 arrived and was staged initially due to Engine 4 advising investigation mode.

**ACTION TAKEN-**

Batt 2 advised Ladder 8 to go ahead and spot on the A-sided and assist with outside utilities. Ladder 8 made the scene and spotted for best aerial advantage. Ladder 8 quickly walked the complex area and met up with ATMOS, they advised they would be pulling the meter to this address. After completion and confirmation utilities were shut off, I advised the incident command we were ready for another assignment. We remained in staging for some time. After the first due crews had entered, we were advised to enter and watch for hotpots. We didn't notice areas still in the lower 100 degrees, and some popping of the batteries. Some water was sprayed from the hose line previous crews had taken in. After remaining inside watching the cabinet for re-ignition we were relieved once we were getting low air. We were relieved by another company, and we exited the building. We did a quick washdown and were cleared from the scene by the oncoming crew. The oncoming crew of Steve Crew, Ryan Mattie, and Austin Simpson took our place on the scene. All units went available and returned to their respective stations.

BI965

L8 C-shift-

FF Ryan Mattei, FF Austin Simpson, and myself relieved L8 B shift on scene. We were assigned to join R2 and replace E3 B shift interior to attempt to clean out the batteries. Soon after our entry Batt2 told all units to exit with tools and close the door to the batteries. L8 then proceeded to wash down pack up and clear the scene to go available.

SC1027

Created By: LINCOLN, BRANDON

**TK3**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 3</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays

**Distance**

Dispatch Time <b>05:31:09, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:33:03, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>05:40:14, 03/22/2024</b>
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**TK3**

At Patient Time \_\_\_\_\_ Clear Time 09:38:06, 03/22/2024 In District Time \_\_\_\_\_

Actions Taken:

**Salvage & overhaul**

**Person 1: LYMAN, DREW**

Fire Products Exposed To

**Smoke, Heat**

PPE Worn During Incident

**Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA, Coat, Pant, Boots, Hood**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Gear bagged, placed in cab**

**Person 2: LOESSIN, KELLY**

Fire Products Exposed To

**None**

PPE Worn During Incident

**None**

PPE Malfunction? _____	Barrier Breach _____	Black Soot Around Nose _____	Black Soot Around Mouth _____
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Person 3: MARTINDALE, SCOTT**

Fire Products Exposed To

**Smoke, Heat**

PPE Worn During Incident

**SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Boots, Pant, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood, Coat, Mask**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Gear bagged, placed in cab**

**Person 4: SITTRE, KARL**

**Person 5: CAMPBELL, AARON**

**Person 6: BROWN, KYLE**

**Unit Narrative**

**DISPATCH INFORMATION**

Round Rock dispatched Truck 3 to a box alarm at 1300 Louis Henna for a commercial structure.

**Unit Narrative**

**EN ROUTE INFORMATION**

Truck 3 responded code 3 from Station 3.

**ON SCENE INFORMATION**

Truck 3 three arrived on the scene and staged on Louis Henna.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Truck 3 was ordered to bring up tools to the scene, with no specific tasking. Truck 3 brought saws and tools to the Alpha side and remained on deck. After the initial fire attack recycled, Truck 3 was assigned Inside Division with Engine 5 and entered to overhaul. Truck 3 hit hot spots and ventilated the building by finding a second door. Replaced by Ladder 8 and Truck 3 was sent to swap with the oncoming shift at shift change. See the next paragraph for C-Shift's actions.

1047ATL

Truck 3 Crew was relieved by the C shift crew. We stayed on deck the entire time on scene.

We cleared with a backup.

ks939

Created By: LYMAN, DREW

<b>E3</b>			
Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 3</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>	
Response Delays <b>None/No Delay</b>			
Dispatch Time <b>05:31:09, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:32:58, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>05:39:31, 03/22/2024</b>	
At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>07:55:34, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time	
Actions Taken: <b>Hazardous materials spill control and confinement</b>			
<b>Person 1: JOHNSON, ADAM</b>			
Patient Contact? <b>No</b>	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>		
Fire Products Exposed To <b>Smoke, Heat, Debris/Runoff</b>			
PPE Worn During Incident <b>Mask, Coat, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Pant, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Boots, Hood</b>			
PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth



**Unit Narrative**

**Disposition:**

E3 was relieved by Ladder 8 and cleared from the scene by command.

AJ 1103

Created By: JOHNSON, ADAM

**E6**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 6</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays  
**None/No Delay**

Dispatch Time <b>05:31:09, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:32:30, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>05:38:33, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>07:15:24, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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**Actions Taken:**

**Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Forcible entry**

**Person 1: RODRIGUEZ, JAIME**

Fire Products Exposed To  
**Gases/CO, Smoke, Heat**

PPE Worn During Incident

**Pant, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Firefighting Gloves, SCBA, Boots, Hood, Coat**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Used wet wipes**

**Person 2: SILVA, BRADLEY**

Fire Products Exposed To  
**Smoke**

PPE Worn During Incident

**Boots, Work Gloves, Pant**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

**None**

**Person 3: SANTIAGO, HECTOR**

Fire Products Exposed To  
**Heat, Smoke, Gases/CO**

**Person 3: SANTIAGO, HECTOR**

PPE Worn During Incident

SCBA, Pant, Coat, Hood, Boots, Firefighting Gloves, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes, Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas

**Unit Narrative**

E6 arrived 2nd on the scene behind E4. E6 met up with E4. We were advised where the fire was and that we should use extinguishers. E6 grabbed the dry chemical extinguisher and CO2 extinguishers. E6 entered with E4. The door to the electrical structure was open. E6 and E4 used a total of 4 extinguishers which slowed down the fire. E6 located and shut off a couple of large power shutoffs and breaker panels. I found a 2nd door to the large electrical structure we were in and choked it open for better ventilation and visibility. We began working on getting the panel doors taken off that were covering the batteries on fire. while performing his driver duties, Driver Silva began googling information on the type of batteries, with little success finding general hazard information. E6 exited the structure and recycled. E6 remained on deck until released by command. E6 used Hero Wipes to decon on the scene. Driver Silva was exposed to smoke in the air as a driver. E6 began decontaminating the equipment and washing gear upon return to the station. E6 showered after the fire.

JR992

Created By: RODRIGUEZ, JAIME

**E4**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 4</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays

None/No Delay

Dispatch Time <b>05:31:08, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:33:23, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>05:37:30, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>09:47:57, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

Extinguishment by fire service personnel, Salvage & overhaul

**Person 1: PATENAUE, JOHN**

Patient Contact? <b>No</b>	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>
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Fire Products Exposed To

Class A Foam, Smoke, Debris/Runoff, Gases/CO

PPE Worn During Incident

Pant, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Boots, Mask, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Coat

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes, Wet brush gear with soap, Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Gear bagged, placed in cab

**Person 2: O'SAIL, DANIEL**

Patient Contact? No Medical PPE Worn None

Fire Products Exposed To Class A Foam, Debris/Runoff, Gases/CO, Smoke

PPE Worn During Incident Pant, Work Gloves, Boots

PPE Malfunction?	Barrier Breach	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth
<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>

Decontamination Procedures Completed Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Wet brush gear with soap

**Person 3: SIMMONS, RAY**

Patient Contact? No Medical PPE Worn None

Fire Products Exposed To Class A Foam, Gases/CO, Smoke, Heat, Debris/Runoff

PPE Worn During Incident SCBA, Structure Firefighting Helmet, Hood, Coat, Mask, Pant, Boots, Firefighting Gloves

PPE Malfunction?	Barrier Breach	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth
<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>

Decontamination Procedures Completed Wet brush gear with soap, Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Used wet wipes, Gear bagged, placed in cab

**Person 4: BRIGGS, JARED**

Fire Products Exposed To Smoke, Gases/CO

PPE Worn During Incident Boots, Pant, Work Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet

PPE Malfunction?	Barrier Breach	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth
<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>

Decontamination Procedures Completed Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas

**Person 5: CONTRERAS, ROGER**

Fire Products Exposed To Class A Foam, Debris/Runoff, Dry Chemical Agent, Gases/CO, Smoke, Heat

PPE Worn During Incident Coat, Boots, Pant, Hood, Mask, Firefighting Gloves, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA

PPE Malfunction?	Barrier Breach	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth
<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>

**Person 5: CONTRERAS, ROGER**

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab, Used wet wipes, Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Wet brush gear with soap

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**Person 6: SMISCHNEY, TROY**

Fire Products Exposed To

Dry Chemical Agent, Debris/Runoff, Gases/CO, Smoke, Class A Foam, Heat

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PPE Worn During Incident

Pant, Structure Firefighting Helmet, SCBA, Firefighting Gloves, Hood, Boots, Mask, Coat

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PPE Malfunction?	Barrier Breach	Black Soot Around Nose	Black Soot Around Mouth
No	No	No	No

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Gear bagged, placed outside of cab, Wet brush gear with soap, Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas, Used wet wipes

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**Unit Narrative**

Engine 4 B-Shift

**DISPATCH INFORMATION**

Round Rock dispatched E4, L8, E3, T3, Rsc2, and E6 to 1300 Louis Henna Blvd, the old Sears Teleserve, for a structure fire.

**EN ROUTE INFORMATION**

Engine 4 responded code 3 from Station 4. In route, dispatch advised that there was an exterior battery cabinet on fire. Engine 4 a/o without incident. We were met at the front gate by an employee who stated that the battery room was on fire and pointed to where it was. Engine 4 drove to the area on the Delta/Alpha corner and we were met by the employee.

**COMMAND**

I established Encompass command.

**ON SCENE INFORMATION**

Engine 4 arrived on the scene of a mega-sized communications facility with light smoke showing. I stated that we would be in the offensive mode and also investigating. I said we would be investigating because we needed more information as to the battery type and type of extinguishment method. The employee stated the batteries were lead zinc and that we should use dry chemical extinguishers to put out the fire. Battalion 2 arrived with Engine 4 and immediately took command.

**ACTIONS TAKEN**

Engine 4 and Engine 6 crews made entry with type ABC extinguishers, type D extinguishers, and CO2 extinguishers. The battery room was separate from the main building, but there was a wall surrounding the battery room that was open above and continuous with the main structure. There was light to moderate smoke in the battery room with at least four of the battery cabinets fully on fire. The cabinet doors were open. Temperatures were up to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit in the battery cabinet. Engine 6 and Engine 4 crews attempted to extinguish the fire with all three types of extinguishers. The flames would die down and then come right back when an extinguisher was empty. I informed the command that the extinguishers were not working and that we would need water. I also informed the command that we needed to be aware of any runoff and where that contaminated water would go. Squad 2 or Rescue 2 crew used a 1 3/4" line to put a small amount of water on the fire and quickly extinguished the fire. Engine 4 crew exited the structure to recycle. Command then had a face-to-face with me and stated that we would be entering the structure to watch the batteries and make sure there were no flare-ups while they decided how to proceed with the batteries. Some of the batteries were popping. I called for Class A foam from the Engine 4 driver. Firefighter Contreras put a light coat of foam over the battery cabinets. Command then ordered us out of the structure and during a face-to-face, told me that we were being relieved in place by the oncoming shift. Firefighter Contreras and I were relieved by Engine 4 C-Shift officer and firefighter. We placed our gear in an outside compartment of Brush 4 and returned to quarters for decontamination of our gear and ourselves. Engine 4 C-Shift driver and Battalion 2 took Brush 4 back to the scene where Driver Briggs was relieved and returned to quarters.

**DISPOSITION**

Engine 4 was relieved in place by the Engine 4 C-Shift crew and returned to quarters for decontamination.

**Unit Narrative**

TS 1075

Engine 4 C-Shift:

**DISPATCH INFORMATION**

E4C was requested to respond by Command to 1300 Louis Henna Blvd to replace the crew of E4 for shift change.

**EN ROUTE INFORMATION**

We responded code 1 from Station 4 in Brush4.

**ON SCENE INFORMATION**

We arrived on scene and swapped with E4B while doing a face-to-face.

**ACTION TAKEN**

We were assigned to the inside division by command. The inside division assigned us to assist with monitoring the temperatures of the batteries and hitting any hotspots with limited water use. Command advised the inside division to come up with a plan to disassemble the battery racks, E4 assisted by hauling the debris from the battery container room to the roll-off dumpsters that were placed outside the building. Command then ordered everyone out, we exited the building with our tools. Command advised to remove and bag gear, begin decontaminating, and pack up the engine. We waited on the scene until the incident command confirmed there was no further need for a suppression unit.

**DISPOSITION**

E4 cleared by Command.

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Created By: PATENAUDE, JOHN

**BATT2**

Use <b>(1) - Suppression</b>	Responding From <b>Sta 4</b>	Priority <b>Emergent</b>
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Response Delays

**None/No Delay**

Dispatch Time <b>05:31:08, 03/22/2024</b>	Enroute Time <b>05:33:09, 03/22/2024</b>	Arrival Time <b>05:38:35, 03/22/2024</b>
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At Patient Time	Clear Time <b>09:58:02, 03/22/2024</b>	In District Time
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Actions Taken:

**Incident command**

**Person 1: COLBURN, WILLIAM**

Patient Contact? <b>No</b>	Medical PPE Worn <b>None</b>
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Fire Products Exposed To

**Smoke, Debris/Runoff**

PPE Worn During Incident

**None**

PPE Malfunction? <b>No</b>	Barrier Breach <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Nose <b>No</b>	Black Soot Around Mouth <b>No</b>
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**Person 1: COLBURN, WILLIAM**

Decontamination Procedures Completed

Cleaned neck, face, arms, and exposed areas

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**Person 2: GOSSARD, JAMES**

Patient Contact?

No

Medical PPE Worn

None

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Fire Products Exposed To

Smoke

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PPE Worn During Incident

None

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PPE Malfunction?

No

Barrier Breach

No

Black Soot Around  
Nose

No

Black Soot Around  
Mouth

No

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Decontamination Procedures Completed

Used wet wipes

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**Unit Narrative**

Colburn-111

I assumed command of the Sabey Data Center Fire located at 1300 Louis Henna Blvd from Chief James Gossard at approximately 0730 am on the morning of March 22, 2004. I made my way to the command post and did a face-to-face communication for pass-on from Chief Gossard. He advised me what the current situation was and the resources he had on-scene at the incident.

After assuming command from Chief Gossard I called for a face-to-face with Hazmat Operations who was Matt Tanzer off of Hazmat 6 with his entire crew along with Lt. Crew and Capt. Karl Sittre to retrieve in-depth information from crews that were working on the scene before my arrival. After a brief discussion, I determined the incident action plan we were currently in before my arrival was going to change from an offensive posture to more of a defensive posture and I immediately pulled everyone out of the Hot-zone and seized operations due to the high exposure rates and safety of my crews.

I then met with Sabey representatives and after a brief discussion about the situation I advised them to get an environmental services crew enroute for further clean-up. I had Hazmat operations run PH-paper to get readings of the water run-off around the building and within approximately 300 yards from the incident due to water running into a nearby drainage ditch. The PH reading within approximately 50 ft of the building was highly diluted by water and we received a PH of 9.

I then contacted Logistics and Battalion 1 to start a log of contaminated gear from the incident so that we could get it replaced as soon as possible. I also contacted firefighter Joe Johnson who happened to be working on air packs at the time and requested he respond with the SCBA trailer to refill bottles.

I changed the Incident Action plan to a defensive posture and met with Captain Sittre, and Hazmat Operations Tanzer, along with the Electrical Engineer with Sabey data centers. We came up with a plan of action to include the following:

1. No one entered the Hot Zone which was considered the interior of the containment wall.
- Start the decontamination process of gear utilizing Battalion 1 and firefighter Sladeczek, to start getting a list of contaminated items and personnel gear.
3. Hazmat operations to fly the perimeter around the building with a drone, to recon.
  4. Captain Sittre to enter the main building with engineers to do a walk thru to check for any kind of smoke in the building in operation and utilize the AC unit for smoke extraction, due to the fact this was the only way to vent the main building.
  5. Close all doors In the building where the incident occurred and monitor the situation for 15 to 30 minutes.
  6. After the time frame is reached open the door to the building and use class D extinguishers and Dry chemical extinguishers to smother any further off-gassing of batteries.

**Unit Narrative**

7. Hazmat operations to notify state authorities of the situation for follow-up on the incident clean-up process.

These steps eventually got us to be able to contain the situation and stop the majority of smoke build-up in the incident building and further smoke from entering the main building.

Once the situation was stabilized the scene was handed back over to Sabey representatives to continue further necessary clean-up.

Created By: COLBURN, WILLIAM

**HAZMAT 6**

<b>Use</b> <b>(0) - Other</b>	<b>Responding From</b> <b>Sta 6</b>	<b>Priority</b> <b>Non-Emergent</b>
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**Response Delays**

**None/No Delay**

<b>Dispatch Time</b> <b>06:30:00, 03/22/2024</b>	<b>Enroute Time</b> <b>06:40:00, 03/22/2024</b>	<b>Arrival Time</b> <b>06:55:00, 03/22/2024</b>
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<b>At Patient Time</b>	<b>Clear Time</b> <b>09:38:14, 03/22/2024</b>	<b>In District Time</b>
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**Actions Taken:**

**HazMat detection, monitoring, sampling, & analysis, UAV - Assist FMO, Provide equipment, Hazardous materials spill control and confinement**

**Personnel**

**MATTHEW TANZER, BRANDON STRICKLAND, KENNETH SCHMIDT**

**Unit Narrative**

Hazmat 6 was dispatched via face-to-face with Truck 7 who was covering District 6 while we came on for shift change. HM6 was dispatched to provide relief to Engine 6 and perform hazmat monitoring and containment.

Hazmat 6 was delayed in going en route due to personnel gathering PPE to deploy on the apparatus.

HM6 reported on the scene and made face-to-face contact with the incident command. Command directed H6 to dam water runoff coming from the structure. 10 bags of Dry Absorb were used to create a dike around the nearest storm drain. This caused water to pool up in the curb area surrounding the drain. 2 bags of dry absorb were left on the scene to reapply as needed. Two multipurpose pillows were used to block drains on the exterior of the building, proximal to the fire area.

H6 liaised with onsite staff working on the Sabey site. The staff provided H6 with a Safety Data Sheet for the involved material, Nickel Zinc batteries. H6 checked the water runoff from the building drain and the diked quantity outside the storm drain. The building runoff read a PH of 9 with no change to the oxidizer paper. The diked water read at a PH of 7. The storm drain drained to an unnamed tributary to the west lot adjacent to Sabey Data Center. The tributary reportedly led north to ultimately release into Brushy Creek. The water in the tributary was found to be pooled, with no northward flow. The water in the tributary read a PH of 7 with no change to the oxidizer paper.

H6 reported its findings and actions to the incident command. Command directed H6 to report the incident to TCEQ. H6 reached TCEQ via their 24-hour hotline. H6 provided onsite Sabey contact information. TCEQ performed all further inquiries with Sabey personnel.

H6 provided suppression staff with a Class D Extinguisher. H6 performed a drone flyover and scene recording at the request of the Fire Marshall's Office.

H6 was directed by Command to assemble an exposure report for all on-scene personnel.

H6 was released by Command.

MT1095

Created By: TANZER, MATTHEW

# Fire Module

## SITE INFO

Alarms <u>2</u>	Acres Burned <u>0 acres</u>	Resident Units In Bldg <u>Not residential</u>	Buildings Involved <u>1</u>
Hydrant Identifier _____		Estimated Water Usage <u>500</u>	

## ON-SITE MATERIALS

Material ID 1 <u>(UUU) - Undetermined</u>	Storage Use ID 1 <u>(U) - Undetermined</u>
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## IGNITION

Area of Origin  
(60) - Equipment or service area, other

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Heat Source  
(UU) - Undetermined

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Item First Ignited  
(UU) - Undetermined

Fire Confined to Item?  
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Type of Material First Ignited  
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Cause of Ignition  
(U) - Cause undetermined after investigation

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Factors Contributing to Ignition 1  
(UU) - Undetermined

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Human Factors Contributing to Ignition  
(N) - None

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Est. Age of Person Involved  
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Gender of Person Involved  
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## STRUCTURE

Structure Type  
(3) - Open structure

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Stories Above Grade _____	Stories Below Grade _____	Building Status _____		
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Length _____	Width _____	Total Square Feet _____	Story of Fire Origin _____	
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Fire Spread  
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Item Contributing Most to Flame Spread _____			Type of Material _____	
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**Number of Stories with Damage**

Minor Damage _____	Significant Damage _____	Heavy Damage _____	Extreme Damage _____	Total Stories _____
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**PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS**

Presence of Detector	Detector Type	
_____	_____	_____
Power Supply		Detector Operations
_____	_____	_____
Effectiveness (/Failure Reason)		
_____		
Presence of Auto Extinguishing System		System Type
<b>(N) - None Present</b>		_____
System Operation	# of Sprinklers	Reason for System Failure
_____	_____	_____

 **Casualty**

**CIVILIAN CASUALTY #1**

**Injured Person**

Name	Gender	Date of Birth
<b>Tellis Hall</b>	<b>(1) - Male</b>	_____
Age	Race	Ethnicity
<b>35</b>	_____	_____
Affiliation		
<b>(1) - Civilian</b>		

**Injury Info**

Injury Time and Date	Severity
<b>05:30:00, 03/22/2024</b>	<b>(U) - Undetermined</b>
Cause of Injury	
<b>(9) - Multiple causes</b>	
Human Factors Contributing to Injury	
<b>(N) - None</b>	
Factor Contributing 1	
<b>(NN) - None</b>	
Activity when Injured	
<b>(0) - Activity, other</b>	
Taken to Emer. Care?	
<b>Yes</b>	

Primary Apparent Symptom	Primary Area of Body Injured
<b>(01) - Smoke inhalation</b>	_____

**Injury Location**

Location at Time of Incident
<b>(2) - Not in area and not involved in starting the fire</b>
General Location at Time of Injury
<b>(2) - In building of origin, but not in area of origin</b>

**CIVILIAN CASUALTY #1**

Specific Location at Time of Injury  
 (09) - Egress/exit, other

Story at Start of Incident	Story when Injury Occurred
1	1

**Remarks**

Tellis Hall discovered the fire while doing his rounds at about 05:30. He opened the door the area containing the backup batter cabinets and met a wall of smoke, inhaling some.

M12 checked him out and transported him and transported him to an unknown hospital.

JG

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**HAZMAT INFO**

HazMat Disposition	Civ. Injuries	Civ. Deaths
(2) - Completed with fire service present		

HazMat Action 1  
 (11) - Identify, analyze hazardous materials

HazMat Action 2  
 (14) - HazMat leak control and containment

HazMat Disposition	# of Entries
(02) - Tier Two Short term operations	

Suit/PPE Level  
 (04) - Level D Firefighting turnout protective clothing

**CHEMICALS**

Chemical  
 Nickel hydroxide

CAS Number	UN Number	DOT Classification
	9140	

Amount Released	Container Type
1 Ounces (liquid)	(UU) - Undetermined

Capacity	State Released	Released Into
1		

**RELEASE INFO**

Cause of Release	Released From	Story of Release
(5) - Cause under investigation	(1) - Inside or on structure	1

Population Density	Which Occured First
(1) - Urban center - Densely populated	(1) - Ignition

Area Affected	Area Evacuated	Buildings Evacuated	People Evacuated
1000 Square feet	0 Square feet	0	0

 **FACTORS**

Release Factor 1  
(UU) - Undetermined

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 **EQUIPMENT**

Equipment Involved in Release  
(229) - Battery

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Brand	Model	Serial Number	Year
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**From:** [Dan and Rebekah Herr](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** Data Center Concerns  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:23:42 AM

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Dear Councilman Patz,

Normally I am one to sit back and listen to politics. If I'm honest, I am also normally one that doesn't know much of what's going on in politics. Hearing about the proposed data center for Decatur township has brought me to do all kinds of research about the effect of data centers on our health and brings me to much concern for our little Township and community on the south west corner of Indianapolis.

While I understand the political and financial gain that this type of center might be telling people it may bring, we cannot be sure of those benefits. This is the time to set aside the thoughts of political and financial gains and to think about the people. We are people that don't come from large corporate jobs. We might not drive the fanciest of cars or have extravagant houses, but we are people that work hard and put in a lot of hours to bring money in for our families. We are a people that while in the middle class often see such detriment too often affecting us; whether that be with rising cost of gas or groceries or rising cost of housing and monthly bills.

But, we, the people of Decatur township, in the southwest corner of Indiana Indianapolis and the greater Camby and Mooresville are people who value community, and we enjoy our large open farm fields. When my family moved here six years ago we loved the small town feel of this community while also still being somewhat close to the city. We love the country roads, and those empty fields. I do know we are a growing community, but we are a growing community that needs to be full of homes for people, not a data center. There are neighborhoods, expanding and rising in the nearby land where the proposed center will be.

When we first moved here six years ago we looked at this home as a place of convenience to the city but also with those farm fields that we love. We came to this area raising four small children and it is our highest priority to look out for their health, as it should be any of our priority for any parent or congress person, no matter what the affiliation is to look out for the health of their families and their community people.

I have watched many videos, read many articles and have seen in my research the detrimental health effects of such data centers that have affected other communities very similar to ours. When thinking about accepting such a large project we need to set money aside and think solely about the people, think about the people that work hard each and every day and want to come home to their families and want to grow in a community together to improve while not having to worry about the effects of a large building on their health.

I am concerned about noise and air pollution; as we already live close to an airport. I am concerned about our water potentially being contaminated. I am concerned about our cost of energy prices, electrical bills rising. We have been told before they will not rise, but our energy bill has been over \$500 this winter. I'm concerned about property values, if we were to move. I'm concerned about people who do not live in this community, or even this state, saying that it is ok to bring these types of centers into places which they don't even live in themselves. I'm concerned about an outside company moving in a large center, a company that is likely, placing their tools here in Indiana because it is cheaper land than in Washington state. Overall, I'm just mostly concerned about the health effects of such a large data center.

I would instead love to see this changed from a zone of industrial, but to protect our land as agricultural. Similarly to have areas like the FishersAgriPark on all sides of Indianapolis. How could we make America great again by putting something so large in a community that does not want it there? As I mentioned previously, I normally sit back and watch things unfold naïvely, but this time it's different and this time it feels much too close to home. I feel as though the health of our people and just this one area could be greatly affected.

Thank you for your time reading through this.

A concerned citizen,

Rebekah Herr

Data Center  
Case#2025CMP856  
Decatur Township Sabey Data Center

**From:** [R.S](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#); [Bain, Joshua](#); [decatustrustee@decaturtwp.org](mailto:decatustrustee@decaturtwp.org)  
**Subject:** Decatur Township resident strongly opposed to the Sabey Data Center proposal  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2026 9:01:38 AM

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Dear Mr. Patz and Mr. Bain,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Ricki Schrink and I am a resident of Decatur Township. I live at 4855 Bellingham Drive.

I am emailing you in your capacity as city planner for the Sabey Data Center project between Kentucky Avenue and Camby Road. For reference, this is the project labelled: 2025-CAP-856 / 2025-CVR-856 / 6400, 6449, 6500, 6559, 6565, 6600, and 6833 Kentucky Avenue, and 6700, 7924, 7944, 8002, 8032, and 8210 Camby Road

I am strongly opposed to the proposed development of a data center in our community.

I am opposed because this data center is not the highest and best use of the land. This land was originally zoned i2 by community leaders with the intention of building a research and development park. This was projected to bring in at least 1,000 jobs, and was decided with community input. The Sabey Proposal will create far fewer jobs.

Additionally, the company has bypassed our local leaders by filing this proposal as a land variance, rather than a rezoning. They have cut out our democratically elected leadership, and are not listening to the resounding “no” coming from this community.

I am also concerned about the impact on electricity and water bills, and likely property value loss. I am also worried about the health risks posed to the community from the backup generators and the chemicals they will release into the air. The noise and light pollution are also of concern, as these are known to disrupt sleep and harm mental and physical health. I am particularly worried about the impact on Damar, our local disability support service provider, which is less than .25 miles from the site. Many residents have sensory sensitivities, and the noise and light caused by this center is of great concern.

I hope that you will share this information with the Metropolitan Development Commission and hearing examiner on behalf of the residents of Decatur Township, as a clear ask that they vote against the Sabey Data Center.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our city. I sincerely hope you will pass this information along to the MDC.

Thank you,  
Ricki Schrink

**From:** [Heidi Miller](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** Sabey Data Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:43:23 PM

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Data Center  
Case# 2025CMP856

Hello,

I am reaching out to oppose the construction of the Sabey Data Center in Decatur Township near Kentucky Avenue and Camby Rd. Our township does not need another drain on the local resources. Please do let them invade our area.

I've lived in this township for over 30 years and would hate to see the damage this data center could bring.

Thank you for your time,

Heidi Miller

**From:** [PlannerOnCall](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Variance Request Opposition - Sabey Data Center  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:07:02 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**Josh Levesque (he/him/his) | Senior Planner - Current Planning**

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**From:** Sarah Siegel <s.siegel2013@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:04 PM  
**To:** PlannerOnCall <PlannerOnCall@indy.gov>  
**Subject:** Variance Request Opposition - Sabey Data Center

Hello,

My name is Sarah Murriell, and I am an Indianapolis resident. I am reaching out to voice my opposition to the variance request to allow a data center in a neighborhood in Decatur Township.

- I am concerned about the health impacts of a hyperscale data center less than 50 feet from residential homes. This will give people health issues for years to come from low frequency sound, water contaminants, light pollution, and air pollution.
- I am also concerned about BlackRock's recent acquisition of AES and the burden these data centers will place on the electrical grid and the surrounding communities, and how this will pass costs on to ratepayers.

- This request should require a full rezoning, not a variance. It is against Indiana law to approve a variance that harms the public health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding community. Also, Sabey has cut our elected officials and community input out of the process by filing this way.
- These proposals are being rushed through the rezoning process despite community opposition and without proper regulation.

I would like an explanation from this office as to why these proposals have been approved by the hearing examiner and city planning staff. I am requesting a response to this email. You may also call me at 317-640-0062.

Thank you,  
Sarah Murriell  
7711 Bolero Drive  
Camby, IN 46113

**From:** [Sherry Kinser](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** Data Center Case# 2025CMP856  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:27:33 PM

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Dear Mr. Patz,

I hope this message finds you well.

My name is Sherry Kinser, and I am a resident of Decatur Township. I live at 6701 Decatur Commons.

I am contacting you in your capacity as city planner for the Sabey Data Center project between Kentucky Avenue and Camby Road to let you know I am strongly opposed to the proposed development of a data center in our community.

I am opposed because this data center is not the highest and best use of the land. This land was originally zoned i2 by community leaders with the intention of building a technology park. This was projected to bring in at least 1,000 jobs and was decided with community input. The Sabey Proposal is not what Decatur Township residents had in mind, and it will create far fewer jobs than desired and needed.

Moreover, the company has bypassed our local leaders by filing this proposal as a land variance, rather than a rezoning. They have cut out our democratically elected leadership and are not listening to the resounding “no” coming from our community.

I am also concerned about the impact on electricity and water bills, and likely property value loss. I am also worried about the health risks posed to the community from the backup generators and the chemicals they will release into the air. The noise and light pollution are also of concern, as these are known to disrupt sleep and harm mental and physical health. I am particularly worried about the impact on Damar, our local disability support service provider, which is less than .25 miles from the site where Sabey wants to build. Many people have sensory sensitivities, and the noise and light caused by this center is of great concern. Residents who live in homes neighboring this area do not want to live near a data center for these reasons and more.

I hope that you will share this information with the Metropolitan Development Commission on behalf of the residents of Decatur Township and ask that they vote **against** the Sabey Data Center.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our city. I sincerely hope you will pass this information along to the MDC.

Respectfully,

Sherry Kinser

**From:** [Terry Burns](#)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
**Subject:** Data Center case # 2025CMP856  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:19:04 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose the construction of a Sabey data center in Decatur Township, Indianapolis, IN,  
This is absolutely not wanted to our community.

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**From:** [indykat21@gmail.com](mailto:indykat21@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Patz, Bryce](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, February 23, 2026 2:18:57 PM

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I'm not sure if you have read my email, so I'm sending. My husband and I wanted our voices to be heard, so I've written the following. Please contact me before publishing our address.

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My name is Kathy Centracchio. My husband Vince and I, who have been married 27 years, live at [REDACTED] right across the street where the proposed Sabey Data Center is petitioning to build.

My husband and I found our dream home in October 2023. We lived on the west side of Indianapolis near Raceway and Country Club in the Drake Hill subdivision. We are very quiet neighbors who enjoy our privacy. We wanted to get away from being at the mercy of our neighbors' barking dogs, parties, and being insensitive to our property. We'd been looking for a house with 1 acre for over a year, when on a Friday night Vince found a newly built house that wasn't even finished on Camby Road which just went up for sale. The next morning at 9:00am, we were touring the house and the land, and it had exactly what we wanted and not one thing we didn't want. We put a deposit on the house that morning, and closed on December 1, 2023.

My husband has wanted a stand-alone barn/garage for over 40 years. He's a mechanic, and loves having room for his hobbies and everything he likes to do. That dream became a reality in 2024 when our barn was built.

We have a lot of property south of the house that already had a fire pit. We enjoy entertaining our family and friends around the fire pit in the summer, and especially enjoy Independence Day when we can sit around the fire pit and watch the fireworks.

We've built a beautiful gazebo attached to our back porch. In the summer, we love grilling out, growing vegetables, and sitting in our lounge chairs on the back deck, listening to music, reading, and playing on our tablets until it gets dark. It's quiet and comforting after a long day of work (except for the occasional loud car going down Camby Road and Kentucky Avenue). We can breathe fresh air when we are outside our home, and it's a far cry from not only where we lived, but from Chicago, where both of us were born and raised.

We have a finished basement that has served as my office/craft room, and I designed it exactly how I've always wanted. It's my escape all year around, but especially in the winter. It's extremely quiet which is most important to me. I am my happiest when I'm down in my little corner of the world. It is truly the one room I've wanted to escape and be happy listening to music and crafting.

As mentioned, my husband and I both grew up in Chicago, where the houses were literally 3 feet away from each other. Not many of our neighbors could mind their own business. This is the

complete opposite of what we have around our current home. We have wonderful neighbors which I could never say at any other time in our lives. They are very kind, helpful and respect us and our property. We can trust them to keep an eye on our property when we're out, and we'd do the same for them. It's truly ideal for us.

My husband and I are close to retirement age. We bought this home with every last dime we have, and it's very likely we won't ever get to fully retire because we purchased this home so late in life. But for us, not getting to fully retire is a small price to pay for having our dream home and all the amenities we could ever have hoped or wished for.

And now, we are faced with a Data Center being built 50 feet from our driveway. The sight, sound and smell of everything will change for us and our new home. The smell of diesel fuel is nauseating. I'm worried about the hum and noises I will hear underground in our basement. Sabey says the noise will "not be any louder than a clothes washer", but even that is much louder than it is right now on our property. And building an 8' wall for multiple 16' cooling towers? How does that work? Those around the data center will definitely end up paying for Sabey's electric bill. AES raises prices at the drop of a hat as it is, so when Sabey uses their free electricity, the bill will go up and who will pay it? Our community will. What if there is a fire like the Plainfield Walmart warehouse? It wouldn't be merchandise going up in flames, it would be diesel fuel.

There's property all over the country with no residential housing around for miles, yet Sabey wants to build in our backyard because it's inexpensive. They know the community opposes this, but they and their attorneys stay smug, smile, and say what they think we want to hear to appease us. They are powerful, are greasing pockets and will continue to do so until they get the land they want. Sabey will become even more richer and bigger. Our community is not stupid nor uneducated, and all of us see exactly what they are doing. But because of politics and money, Sabey will likely get what they want. This project won't bring a lot of jobs to Camby after it's built. And that brings me to 4 years of construction noise and traffic on Camby Road. Please don't lie to us and say the traffic will all be off of Kentucky, because we all know that is a lie and we'll be fighting to keep cement trucks off our small street.

In sum, I wanted the Council to hear the conversations we've been having. Some of us have been in Camby for only a couple years, other families have been here for more than 40 years. But we all feel the same way about our Camby neighborhood, and don't want a data center being built that will be the end of everything we enjoy about living here.

Thank you.

Vince and Kathy Centracchio  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Camby, IN 46113