



DATE: February 12, 2026

TO: Fauquier County Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and Staff

RE: CFFC Comments on RTP Application for a private power plant—REZN-25-025515

Dear Honorable Commissioners, Supervisors and Staff:

It has been over six years since Remington Technology Park's (RTP) application to build a data center in Remington's service district was approved. Despite this long lead time, RTP has only just begun construction and discovered it lacks Dominion power for its campus, thus leading to its current rezoning application to add a private natural gas power plant. Citizens for Fauquier County (CFFC)¹ believes this rezoning application should be denied.

This is a totally unprecedented request to build and operate a private natural gas power plant for an unlimited time. Fauquier has no ordinance to address this, and no technical capacity to enforce any county regulations or requirements that could be applied to a private natural gas power plant. With no proffered deadline for the operation of this gas power plant, residents could be exposed to excessive noise and toxic particulates for years.

There's a saying in the construction industry that applies to RTP's lack of a power source: ***"Lack of preparation on your part does not constitute an emergency on our part."***

Fauquier does not owe any developer a return on its investment or a guarantee on its power requirements for electricity that could have been anticipated and satisfied earlier had the developer contracted with Dominion Electric for power. The developer's failure to secure power from Dominion is an issue between it and Dominion and should not be a problem imposed on Fauquier and Remington residents.

We know that gas generators are noisy and dirty. Noise and emissions from this power plant are certain; what isn't certain is how much noise and toxic emissions will be created because there has been little transparency from the applicant on the type of generators or their emissions.

All we know is that there would possibly be 13 natural gas turbine power generators operating 24/7, year-round, until Dominion Energy can meet RTP's energy requirements

¹ Founded in 1968, Citizens for Fauquier County is a non-partisan, non-profit, volunteer driven organization representing thousands of residents active in local conservation efforts. It is CFFC's mission to preserve the natural, historic and agricultural resources of Fauquier County, and to protect the county's uniquely rural quality of life through education and leadership.

for its initial stage of development. The natural gas turbine mechanical equipment yard is expected to generate power between 88 MW and 138 MW at full capacity, but, according to RTP, will not exceed a maximum generation of 215 MW. The earliest that Dominion has indicated to RTP that it could provide power to the project is 2030. The interim power will support Buildings 1 and 2, (but not 3-6?) of the RTP Project. RTP Statement of Justification, December 19, 2025 at 3.

We do not know what type of natural gas turbine generators will be used, or the amount and type of emissions to expect. Currently, however, Fauquier County is an EPA clean air “attainment” area. Our clean air will be jeopardized by the addition of a private gas power plant, along with the existing two natural gas and oil peaker plants near Remington that could be ramped up to full time given Dominion’s power crisis. The health of Fauquier and Remington residents will be impacted negatively by the addition of a private natural gas power plant on the RTP campus.²

Fauquier and Remington residents do not deserve to be the recipients of noise and toxic particulates from another gas power plant that was not anticipated when the data center application was approved. There is no provision in Fauquier’s Comprehensive Plan or its ordinances for a private gas power plant, therefore, this application should not be approved as it will endanger the health, safety and welfare of Fauquier and Remington residents and create a negative precedent for other projects.

There is a strong feeling in the Remington area that the county thinks Remington is expendable because it ‘doesn’t matter,’ and the other magisterial districts would never accept the adverse land uses that have been foisted upon Remington. Please do not perpetuate this sense of betrayal. Reject this eleventh-hour application.

With sincere appreciation for your service,
Mary Page
CFFC President

² As a recent George Mason University report states: “This reliance on fossil fuels, primarily natural gas—which consists of 70–90% methane—contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide (NO₂), particulate matter (PM), and carbon dioxide (CO₂) exacerbating climate change and worsening air quality-related health risks (Cohen et al., 2017; Mailoux et al., 2022; Lelieveld et al., 2019; Vohra et al., 2021). These gaseous and particulate pollution are linked to serious health harms including respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, various cancers, neurological disorders, and conditions such as stroke, dementia, diabetes, and childhood asthma (Lelieveld et al., 2023; Peeples, 2020; Markandya and Wilkinson, 2007; Shah et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2022; Rajagopalan et al., 2018). Moreover, air pollution has been linked to reduced fertility, lower live birth rates, and increased risks of miscarriage and stillbirths, highlighting significant concerns for female reproductive health (Conforti et al., 2018). See Neha Gour-Luis Ortiz Edward Maibach “Health implications of the rapid rise of data centers in Virginia: an exploratory assessment,” GMU, February 5, 2026, www.frontiers.org.