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Subject Data center regulation

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Summary

Section Description

1 [116D.04] Environmental impact statements.

Subd. 4a. Alternate review. Allows final governmental decisions to be made, permits issued, and construction to begin once environmental analysis conducted under an alternative urban areawide review (AUAR) process and a mitigation plan are adopted by the city preparing the AUAR, regardless of whether additional environmental review is required of other project components.

2 **[216B.02] Definitions.**

Subd. 11. Emergency backup generator. References the federal definitions of this term.

3 **[216B.02] Definitions.**

Subd. 12. Data center. Definition.

4 [216B.243] Certificate of need for large energy facility.

Subd. 8. Exemptions. Exempts emergency backup generators located at a single site providing power to a data center from the requirement to obtain a certificate of need from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

(Note: A filing for such an exemption is currently being reviewed by the commission in Docket No. 24-435.)

5 **[216I.02] Definitions.**

Subd. 5a. Emergency backup generator. References the definition in section 2.

6 [2161.07] Applications; standard review.

Subd. 2. Applicable projects. Allows an applicant seeking a site permit for a combination of emergency backup generators serving a single source to use the standard review procedure.

Section Description

7 [216I.08] Applications; standard review.

Subd. 2. Applicable projects. Allows an applicant to obtain a site permit for a combination of emergency backup generators serving a single source from a local unit of government.



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