

# June 25 Public Hearing for Proposed Valara Air Permit

The S.C. Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) is accepting public comments through July 31, 2026, about a draft Synthetic Minor Air Construction Permit requested by Valara Holdings High Performance Compute Center. Valara is requesting this air permit to generate additional onsite electricity using 11 natural gas-fired turbines, and to operate in compliance with new emission limits.

**A decision about the permit will not be made today.** This public hearing is an opportunity for community members to provide official comments about the draft permit.

## During today's public hearing:

- Oral comments will be recorded by a court reporter for accuracy.
- SCDES staff will not answer questions during the public hearing, as it focuses on receiving formal oral comments.
- Comments are limited to:
  - 3 minutes per speaker, or
  - 5 minutes for elected officials or individuals speaking on behalf of an organization

[des.sc.gov/Valara](https://des.sc.gov/Valara)



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## How to Submit Public Comments about the Draft Permit

The public can submit comments to SCDES about Valara's draft air permit multiple ways:

- Oral and written comments can be provided **during today's public hearing**
- Submit a comment **online** using a link available at [des.sc.gov/Valara](https://des.sc.gov/Valara)
- Send a comment by **postal mail** to *SCDES Bureau of Air Quality, Air Permitting Division Director, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia SC 29201*
- **Email** a comment to [AirPNComments@des.sc.gov](mailto:AirPNComments@des.sc.gov)

The deadline to submit comments is July 31, 2026.

All of the comments SCDES receives during a public comment period are reviewed and considered by our permitting staff before a permit decision is made. A written response to the comments we've received will be provided along with the permit decision, once a decision is made.



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