Strategy: What Google’s 2026 Environmental Report Means for Your ITAD Pitch: Six Gaps Worth Selling Against

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Google’s 2026 Environmental Report discloses meaningful scale for its data center hardware lifecycle program: 7.5 million components harvested for internal reuse in 2025, and more than 54 million components resold into the secondary market since 2015. The report also shows a rising Zero Waste to Landfill rate across data center campuses and independently verified recycled-content figures for its Pixel hardware line. But several of the metrics needed to actually benchmark that performance, from a full-lifecycle denominator and colocation facility coverage to downstream chain-of-custody standards, are not yet part of the disclosure. This report breaks down what Google’s 2026 disclosures get right, identifies where the reporting leaves circularity claims unverified, and outlines what ITAD and recycling companies need to know if they intend to position themselves as partners to hyperscaler clients like Google

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