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**Subject:** EA-2045 Industrial Wind Turbines planned for Lake Erie

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As an industrialist for over 40 years, I am shocked at the shortsightedness of using an inefficient outdated technology as a power generation source; Industrial Wind Turbines per se. This proposal should not see the light of day and has the makings of creating an environmental nightmare as it would compromise our drinking water by stirring up toxins and heavy metals sealed in the sediment of the lake-bed, and then on an ongoing basis these are machines with oil lubrication systems that would constantly leak into the lake. In short it is an environmental non-starter.

The Great Lakes are a major fly route for migrating birds as well as providing ongoing habitat for certain species throughout the year and this project would decimate huge numbers of birds, including endangered species.

The early adoption of this antiquated technology has proven to be a financial disaster experienced the world over, where massive subsidies being paid to developers have reeked financial havoc, even in major first world countries. In North America we can do better than this. I urge you to consider all the other viable options of power generation that are more environmentally responsible, economically feasible without subsidies and will preserve our precious and diminishing bodies of drinking water.

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