

Public comment for 17-2295 , 18-0488 & 18-1607

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**Subject:** Seneca County

Good Morning ,

I am trying hard to understand what is going on here in Seneca County along with the rest of the state of Ohio. We have now seen AEP get turned down for a solar project from PUCO as it is not warranted as a needed addition to the state of Ohio power grid. So this leads me to a question, why the push for wind turbines in Seneca Country? We are looking at totally destroying the fabric of our community along with our visual appearance by installing these 600 - 650 foot turbines through out the Seneca, Richland, Crawford, Erie, Huron and Sandusky counties. From what we are being told at this time the total count could reach between 1200 - 1500 turbines by the time they are done, and for what? There are other and better technology than an intermittent production of power from a wind turbine that has to have a back-up power source. What happens to the airlift wing in Mansfield?

Here in Seneca County we have lost all respect for our local government from the two commissioners right down to the health department and the county engineer office, as they have told us ***"they want everything to go as smooth as possible for the wind companies"*** How is this in anyone's best interest for the county. I have personally went to Van Wert and have seen how the turbines have limited future growth for development for their community in some of the areas and limited non-participant land owners limit their options. We are looking at the state to step in and help us as we do not have any or limited support form our local decisions makers.

We have seen first hand how no one want to take responsibility for projects after the fact. We now have more problems on the west side of the county with a landfill. Here aging the EPA lets them self regulate their inspections by letting them hire their own inspectors. This is exactly what happens with the wind companies. **NO OVER SITE!**

Who does the inspections?

Who verifies the proper wire depth installation?

Who checks the re-bar is installed correctly?

Who checks the PSI of the concrete?

Who checks the sub-base and core bores?

Where are safety manual?

What is the "safe distance for their workers"?

What chemicals are they bring on site?

And just like the land fill, who does the inspections? The people they hire and turn in the paperwork to the EPA. Self regulated. They have seen many fines, but nothing with teeth to either make them correct the problems or close it up. The only inspection with these "industrial Wind Turbines" is if they have a elevator installed. All of this needs to have a answer.

This is where the laws must change and quit giving these outside sources free run of our community. Our county requires no permitting what so ever. So in 2-3 years when all the major roads are failing it will be back to us, the taxpayers to pick up the cost. I love how these wind companies say "Money for the school", but who picks up the maintenance cost in the long run. The community and the taxpayers. Representative Seitz, I have to agree with you when you said that most local people are not informed enough to make certain decisions. Maybe we need to have some help with out the influence of an outside interest. We have more people that are personally involved in the wind projects that will financially gain from the projects that will effect thousands of people. Eden Township has over 2000 residents that will be in a 1-2 mile from wind turbines. This is just one township. We need help from you, our law makers and representatives in the state house to look out for the people you represent, for our local government has lost site of this.

Thank you for your time.

*Thank You*

*Ed Clark*

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