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Good morning:

Regarding the ongoing controversy about Lake Erie wind turbines,

Lake Erie is already under stress due to government inability to adequately regulate agricultural run-off, plastic pollution, and invasive species. To industrialize undisturbed open areas of Lake Erie with windmills and related infrastructure to transmit the power to shore is absurd and further threatens the lake. There are already brownfield or industrialized shoreline areas available, including existing, former, or soon to be closed power plant sites. These include Port Clinton, Camp Perry, Huron, Lorain, Avon Lake, Cleveland, Eastlake, Perry, and Ashtabula. These sites are already on the power grid, many have tall stacks or cooling towers, and many could use the environmental clean up. How about other areas already scarred by the human footprint, such as State/Interstate highway right of ways? (We already have cell towers there.) All of these can create jobs and economic development on existing, easy to reach sites.

On the other hand, Lake Erie is public property and no power consortium owns it. There is no comparison between a finite, fresh water lake that millions depend on and an open northern ocean. Which raises the following obvious questions for the windmill business:

- How deeply/How large a footprint will the towers make on the floor of the lake?
- How deeply/How wide will the floor be disturbed by the transmission lines from the towers to the shore?
- What are the pollution hazards of the fluids and other materials in the windmills?
- What is the life expectancy or future viability of the windmills? Then what? Who is responsible for decommissioning and/or removal?
- Has an Environmental Impact Statement been done by bona fide government agencies?
(Not by special interest paid private consultants.)

We now have 2 losing nuclear plants on the lake. They seemed like a great idea when built, but there was no plan for the future and obsolescence. Now the owners have been caught bribing State lawmakers to cover their business loss. Could we end up with deja vu with wind?

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