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LEEDCO Icebreaker Comments
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To all concerned:

I am strongly opposed to LEEDCO's proposed icebreaker project in Lake Erie.

Wind turbines in Lake Erie would be extremely destructive and would serve no purpose except to make subsidy sucking energy companies such as LEEDCO even richer. Wind energy cannot be stored or regulated and adds nothing to the electrical power grid that must run at one hundred percent capacity at all times. It cannot be dispatched when needed. I need my refrigerator to run 24/7, and my furnace to run 24/7 when it is freezing outside, and the machinery at local companies supporting the economy to run when needed. I cannot wait for the wind to blow at the exact speed to produce energy.

Studies have shown that turbines don't reduce fossil fuel emissions at all. On the contrary, turbines have to be backed up 100% of the time by traditional mostly fossil-fueled power plants because the wind must blow at the perfect speed for them to kick in - about 25% of the time. Would you buy a car that only works 25% of the time and you never knew when it would work or not?

LEEDCO has now become a subsidiary of Fred Olsen Renewables headquartered in Norway. They are licking their chops at the possibility of installing 3,000 turbines in Lake Erie starting with the Icebreaker project outside of Cleveland. They do not know or care about what Lake Erie means to the eleven million people who get their drinking water from the lake. The installation of these monstrous but ineffective energy sources on the lake floor would stir up now dormant layers of toxic substances from shipping lanes and past coastal industries. The vibration would ensure constant agitation of toxic settlements safely buried deep in a lake that was once called "dead" but is now thriving because of vigorous regulatory efforts.

Do not let Lake Erie be destroyed by useless turbines.

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