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Hello my name is Crystal Hoepf and I live within the Republic Wind Farm project. Should this project go through, I will have multiple turbines within close proximity to my home. I have great concerns in regards to the placement of turbines in this project due to the large amount of karst in our area. It is known that disruptions in the fragile karst can lead to the development of sinkholes which in turn can disrupt underground waterways, contaminate residential wells, cause major flooding issues, along with other serious issues. So I'm at a complete loss why this project is even being considered for approval. Especially considering when the Director of the ODNR (where all this information on Karst can be found) sits on the Ohio Power Siting Board. Has Mrs. Mertz even spoke out about this problem when our project is being discussed? This project could put what is probably the most important natural resource in danger in our area. What are we supposed to do when they start drilling and blasting to build these turbines and our wells start collapsing or becoming contaminated? What are the farmers supposed to do when their fields are flooding because the water isn't being carried away the way it did? Who is going to be held accountable? I doubt the Turbine companies will be able to do much to remedy the situation. They'll offer to haul in water but that is only a short-term solution. We will look to you, the Ohio Power SITING Board. It's your responsibility to site power projects in the appropriate areas and our location is absolutely not the appropriate site to build roughly 50 turbines. I ask that you please deny this project and protect our wells!

Crystal Hoepf  
Republic, Ohio

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