

My name is William (Bill) Hodosko I live within one half mile of the proposed solar farm located in Allen and Auglaize counties. I am here to oppose the project. We, as a group do not have the money that BP-Lightsource has, we do not have money to invite people to a restaurant before this meeting or rent a big building to spread our information. We are a grass-roots organization, but one thing we are not and that is stupid. After doing my research I really do not think this project is the right fit for everyone involved. I am sure you are aware of the dangers of a large solar farm. But I would like to state a few facts.

The manufacturing installation, transportation and maintenance of solar panels produce 0.18 pounds of CO₂ for every kilo watt hour, so much for the claim that solar farms do not create CO₂. Solar Panels also have toxic metal components in them like cadmium and lead. Other Materials like hydrochloric acid, gallium arsenide, sulfuric acid, and copper are in solar panels. Plus, there are a lot of electromagnetic radiation around a solar farm. People having electronic hypersensitivity quickly get sick. If you live near a solar project and experience regular headaches and restlessness, it can be a life threatening if not treated.

Another concern that I have is what happens to the environment? The Ivanpah solar project in California is an example of the danger to the environment. In California they

are having problems with desert tortoises. Currently these animals are endangered but they were NOT endangered before the farm was built. Plus, the large number of dead birds around the farm has raised eyebrows. Research has attributed the occurrence to the intensive rays that panels reflect.

What has been the most concerning to me about this project is that BP-Lightsource has a list of our concerns but they do little to address them. God forbid if this project goes through without the communities' concerns being addressed.

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