

Opposition to Birch Solar Project, Shawnee Township, Allen County, Ohio

Case 20-1605-el-bgn

I oppose the Birch Solar project in Shawnee Township, Allen County and the surrounding areas. My concerns are as follows:

- Contamination of land and creation of future Brownfield land
- Contamination of water sources and runoff into residential wells that are sources of drinking water
- Lack of truthfulness by BP Lightsource and Birch Solar as to the long-term effects of the project
- The size of the project in a residential area and the location of panels in proximity to occupied homes
- The effects and loss of wildlife habitat, drinking and food sources
- The inability to produce food products on tillable land
- The number of acres involved as the majority of agricultural land in Shawnee Township
- Traffic of heavy equipment on roadways
- Repair of roadways after the project is complete
- Continual maintenance of the project area
- The spreading of misinformation to gain support of the project
- The lack of Local rules and regulations being considered
- The lack of Local Officials having an input in the allowance of the project
- The lack of an entity to oversee Birch Solar's business dealings, projects, and regulations
- The appearance of Birch Solar offering money for support "Buying votes"
- Historical Indian burial grounds being disturbed
- The decline of property values on homes in the area and the trickle-down effects to the schools
- Power being sold to outside business and no benefit to the community
- Smell, sound, vibrations, dust and workers in close proximity to homes during the project
- The after effects that would last for generations

I request that you reject the project as a detriment to the community and residents, with no beneficial value beyond the pockets of the private companies involved.



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