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Re: OPSB Case No. 21-1231-EL-BGN Fountain Point Solar Project

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board:

The Big Darby, a protected scenic waterway, starts in Perry Township. This township is well known for the abundance of artesian overflows and springs that feed not only the Darby headwaters but also the Mill Creek, and our state's only cold-water trout stream, and the Mad River. The construction of any utility scale solar facility in this critical area is very likely to have a significant long term environmental impact on this identified waterway.

The Rush Creek, for which the township is named, starts from the same underground aquafer, Rush Creek Lake, as the Mad River and flows north joining with the Bokes creek and Mill creek as part of the Scioto system.

A large underground cavern system, Zane Caverns, is located in the very northeast corner of Jefferson Township where it borders with both Perry and Rushcreek townships. The regular occurrence of sink holes in this area of these three townships indicates the widespread presence of these underground structures and aquifers.

As you can see, this area is a very sensitive and important geological structure for much of the state of Ohio. This should and must be protected from water source intrusion, significant drainage disruption, and potential hazardous run off that a 3,860-acre utility scale solar array could pose both during the construction phase and the operational state.

The Project may also impact offsite water resources such as perennial streams, ephemeral streams, and other drainage structures.

This project does not meet the public interest, convenience, and necessity and should be denied.

Regards,

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