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Regarding Case Number 21-0902-GE-BRO

IN THE MATTER OF THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD'S REVIEW OF OHIO ADM.CODE CHAPTERS
 4906-1, 4906-2, 4906-3, 4906-4, 4906-5, 4906-6, AND 4906-7

As a longtime resident of the State of Ohio I strongly oppose the proposed rule change as they pertain to **Case Number 21-0902-GE-BRO**. Below are several reasons I oppose this rule change. Some of my reasons are in the form of a question that are worthy of being asked before making this devastating rule change that will directly affect me and my neighbors.

1. The value of the neighboring land as a future homesite would be diminished or destroyed if a solar facility was only 50 feet from the property line.
2. I believe that setbacks from property lines must remain at 150 feet and that landowners should have the option to grant a waiver of setback *if they wish*, as is the current practice with wind.
3. Setbacks which are only 50 feet from a neighbor's property line are inadequate and fail to acknowledge that while there may not be a building on the parcel, the neighboring land may have other uses or features.
4. The neighboring land may be an organic farm.
5. Elsewhere in the regulations is an absurd requirement that the developer must prevent the establishment and propagation of noxious weeds "including in setback areas". This could mean that chemicals could be sprayed up to a neighboring property line and perhaps even into the neighbor's yard if a home is on the land and the setback is measured from the side of the neighbor's home instead of the property line.
6. If the landowner decides to plant trees, could they grow over 30 or 40 years to create shade on the solar facility? I thought the sun was important to generate energy from the solar panels, not shade.
7. Can 50 feet adequately protect against run-off from the solar facility?
8. A new report by the International Energy Agency's Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme (IEA-PVPS) estimates that lost revenue from PV module soiling amounts to more than \$4.6 billion per year – an amount that is only set to increase as PV systems grow larger and more efficient.
9. Would dust from a neighboring farm operation soil panels which are fifty feet away?
10. Would the solar facility operator bring an action against the neighboring landowner for losses incurred by dust and dirt during planting and harvesting?

The statements and questions I pose above don't even begin to address the serious health affects that are caused by living in close proximity to industrial solar facilities. The list is very long, but the one that hits home for me is ADHD.

I realize it's my word against several multi billion dollar, federally and locally subsidized developers, however my voice should count even more since I live in Ohio and am also subject to possibly living

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near a solar facility.

Furthermore, why is a state agency surrounded by concrete, breathing smog on a daily basis, and drinking the green energy Kool-Aid telling hard working people like myself how to live our lives? You do you and I'll do me. You wouldn't want me forcing you to live near a corn field, why should I sit back and allow you to force me to live near thousands of inefficient solar panels?

Regards,

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