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Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I'm in favor of Oak Run Solar Project (22-549-EL-BGN). As a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, I welcome another solar project for the work opportunity it will bring to our members in this part of Ohio.

Many of our members are already employed on solar projects in the region. These sites are considered desirable work locations because they're safe and relatively low-pressure environments in comparison to jobs on highways, bridges, etc.

Solar projects are becoming an important source of livelihood for a number of blue collar professionals from a variety of trades. I encourage you to give the project the green light so that it – and Ohio's workers – can move forward.

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