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Senator Rob McColley

RE: SB 234

My name is Raelene Colvin. My husband and I live in Groton Township, Erie County.

My husband and I strongly oppose the building of a wind farm in our community. I believe a wind project will severely affect the future of our rural township. APEX, the wind turbine developer, is promising to take care of our local school, just like the casinos promised and the lottery before them promised.

If you want the real effects a wind industrial park will have on our local schools see the attached list of schools in Indiana that are located in wind turbine districts. I predict this could be our future if we can't stop this invasion of wind turbines.

As documented by the World Health Organization, wind turbines will have a negative effect on our health, especially our children.

Why would we want to expose our children to a future of health problems?

My husband and I purchased 19 acres of farm ground in Sandusky County and have talked about building our retirement home there. But APEX is purposing a wind project – Republic Wind in Sandusky County therefore our building is put on hold.

Please give us a voice in the future of our rural living. Vote for SB 234

Raelene Colvin

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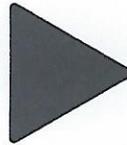
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Wind Turbines Can Cause Sickness, Say Public Health Officials



WINTERSET, Iowa -- The Madison County Board of Public Health is going on record to say that there are health effects caused by wind turbines.

Board Chair Dr. Kevin de Regnier said the board identified two concerns after a review of scientific literature, hearings and meetings with residents and MidAmerican Energy.

The two health concerns identified are:

1. "Flicker" caused by the sun reflecting off turbine blades creates a strobe effect that can cause headache
2. "Infrasound" is a soundwave just below what the ear can actually detect. It is created by the turbines and, too, can cause headaches and nausea.

"Resolved that the Madison County Board of Health determines that there is the potential for negative health with commercial wind turbines and that current setbacks are inadequate to protect the public health," said Madison County Public Health in a statement to Channel 13.

The board recommends that any future wind turbine projects be 1.5 miles from any residence.

However, the Iowa Environmental Council disputes these claims and said there is not any proven health cor associated with wind turbines.

Dr. Peter Thorne, head of the Occupational and Environmental Health department at the University of Iowa Madison County Board of Public Health last Thursday. Dr. Thorne presented findings from two comprehens reviewed science. The findings did not show any scientific evidence that infrasound causes health concerns Iowa Environmental Council. That paper can be viewed here.

The Iowa Environmental Council also noted that Dr. de Regnier voted against the the resolution.

The County Board of Supervisors will discuss this Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

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Amount of Decrease in Student Population

Source: Indiana Department of Education

- Benton Central had a 9.2% drop in student population
- Elwood had a 8.4% drop in student population
- North White has lost 17% of their school population to date
- Tri-Central has lost 14.1% of their school population to date
- Tri-County had a 9.3% decrease in student population
- Union School Corporation had a decrease of 30.9% in student population