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Comments:

Hello, I feel very strongly that the windfarms are destroying the ecosystem. The facts support the destruction of our water and sea life. The sounds the wind turbines emit, which are military grade sonar levels, have caused havoc as evidenced by all the beached whales, and porpoises. The fiberglass materials used are not recyclable. Furthermore, each turbine needs 80 gallons of oil and grease and countless amounts of fuel for both construction and maintenance. Even our University of Delaware turbine leaks. The cost will never be recouped as the lifespan of a wind turbine is 20 years. The cables are another issue which damages and disrupts our beaches. The wind turbine companies are mostly foreign owned, so how can this benefit even our economy? I have taught in our schools for 37 years and a T-chart graphic organizer is a simple tool to show the facts far outweigh the benefits of having wind turbines. Not only is all of this horrific environmentally but think of the aesthetics of having so many (I believe 76 is the first proposed phase) along our beaches. What will become of our beach economy as who would want to view them from our beautiful beaches? My family have fished both commercially and for pleasure these waters for over 70 years and have the utmost respect for keeping our waters safe. They have also seen the damage firsthand. As a resident of Rehoboth Beach, I appreciate DNRECS efforts in all areas and if we can close Cape Henlopen to protect our birds and other wildlife then why can't we veto this harmful project?! I thank you for your time and strongly urge you to deny the project. Sincerely, Dr. Maureen H. Bukowski