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Comments:

As a lifelong champion of the environment, it deeply saddens me that the Delaware shore is a target for wind energy. As an alternate energy source, it is a wonderful ideal because it is a natural resource that has demonstrated possibility in helping end our dependence on fossil fuels. While I believe there is a future for wind in the oceans, it is my opinion that the current limitations of wind energy will damage our oceans, wildlife, pollute our landfills, corrupt our waters, and destroy our pristine views of the natural ocean. When examining turbines across our country there are many things we already know about this energy source: The pieces can not be recycled; they are only connected by resin which is quite limited; they break with bird strikes, lightning strikes, with rainfall, have spontaneous blade detachment and they corrode easily (and they will be in salt water); Turbines only have a 20 year lifespan, thus limiting the energy that Delaware will actually receive since this is a project for Maryland (where these turbines should be installed).; very often wind farms are paid to NOT work because they overwhelm the grid so they stand without moving; it actually needs fossil fuels to work - oil specifically - that will be standing in the turbine as a potential oil spill; and this is actually a project that could be offered to our southern Delaware farmers (or Maryland) so farmers can make between \$3,000 - \$4000 per megawatt and still plant their farms. I am not saying wind energy is not the way of the future for the state of Delaware, but this arrangement has not been fully examined and seems to be taking advantage of the small beach towns with promises of money with very, very little regard for the realities of the traumatic impact on our ocean, estuaries, wildlife and humans. As someone who believes that Americans are the most prolific problem solvers in the world, it seems that the reasons for having an enormous wind farm within eyesight of our beaches with little more than the promises of some jobs and some energy is a problem that needs support from more scientists, community members, and politicians. This project is heartbreaking and I do hope it is not too late to reevaluate and recognize the detrimental impact of this project.