

# LIFE in an 86-TURBINE WIND FARM: AFTER ONE YEAR.

FOND DU LAC COUNTY WISCONSIN

OK...  
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SO WHAT'S IT LIKE?

YOU USED TO IT YET?

INTERVIEWS WITH RESIDENTS LIVING NEAR 400FT TURBINES

WE'RE SURROUNDED. LAST NIGHT, 2 AM, THEY WOKE ME UP AND I HAD MY EAR PLUGS IN. SOUNDS LIKE A TRAIN COMING THROUGH THE HOUSE. CAN'T SELL MY HOME. REALTOR TOLD ME, 'IF ITS NEAR THAT WIND FARM, I WON'T EVEN LOOK AT IT.'

NO.

WISCONSIN

JOAN L. NEAREST TURBINE: 1000 FEET

IT'S LOUD. WE HAVE HEADACHES AND NAUSEA. WE HAVE RINGING IN THE EARS WE'RE TIRED ALL THE TIME BECAUSE WE DON'T SLEEP. BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO SHUT THEM DOWN.

THEY DON'T CARE.

GERRY MEYER: NEAREST TURBINE 1460 FT

THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS NOISY BUT THERE'S NIGHTS WHEN WE'RE UP FOUR TO FIVE HOURS FROM THE NOISE, SO THERE WE ARE, UP LISTENING TO THIS ROAR BUT THEY WON'T GIVE YOU A NUMBER YOU CAN CALL TO GET SOME HELP.



RESIDENT SPEAKING AT A 'LISTENING SESSION' WITH SENATOR HOPPER 4/9/09

I'M A CARDIAC NURSE, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO KNOW NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP LEADS TO HEALTH PROBLEMS. I'M VERY DISTRESSED ABOUT THIS. THEY'RE TOO CLOSE TO HOMES.

THERE'S NO PEACE NOW.

SANDY VERCAUTREN: CAN SEE 15 TURBINES FROM HER BEDROOM

YOU CALL THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THEY DON'T BELIEVE YOU. THEY SAY, 'WE HAVE NO STUDIES.'



I SAID 'WE ARE YOUR STUDIES! WE'RE THE GUINEA PIGS! YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO US.' BUT THEY BLOW YOU OFF. THEY DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.

BRUCE DALKA: LISTENING SESSION 4/9/09

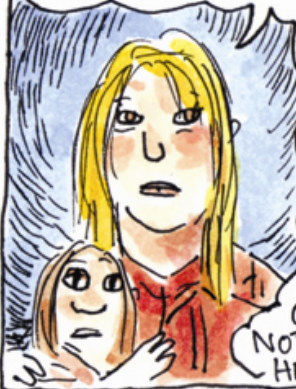
OUR NEIGHBOR'S KIDS ARE FALLING ASLEEP IN SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY AREN'T SLEEPING AT NIGHT.



THEY PUT THEIR HOME UP FOR SALE BUT WHO'S GOING TO BUY IT? A LOT OF HOMES FOR SALE HERE AND THEY JUST SIT THERE.

CHERYL M.: 1460 FT

MY DAUGHTERS AND I GET HEADACHES. I DON'T SLEEP AT ALL. ITS JUST TERRIBLE. LAST NIGHT IT WASN'T JUST THE WHOOSHING AND THE ROAR, IT WAS A HIGH PITCHED WHINE. WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE. ITS NOT GOOD TO LIVE HERE ANYMORE



ANN WIRTZ: TURBINE 1235 FEET AWAY

AT LEAST WE'RE YOUNG ENOUGH TO START OVER. MY MOM DOESN'T HAVE MUCH MONEY AND NOW SHE HAS TURBINES ALL AROUND HER.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S GOING TO DO. I GREW UP HERE AND I LOVED IT HERE... BUT I DON'T LEAVING THIS HOUSE MAKES ME SICK BUT WE CAN'T STAY ANYMORE.

JASON WIRTZ: THE FAMILY HAS NOW DECIDED TO ABANDON THEIR HOME