

I was in Osmond, Nebraska this past Wednesday evening talking to about 25 landowners about wind energy. One of these farmers had started his own research. He drove up to Bloomfield, drove into a farmer's yard with 3 wind turbines within a half mile and asked him how he liked living there. The reply was "You got here on the wrong day. When it's bad, I must leave my own farm. My neighbor has been sleeping in the basement since the project was built." They had both signed up for turbines. This farmer reported he would never sign up again in a million years. Funny, that's not what the developers tell you. The big secret of health effects, sleep deprivation, shadow flicker, wind turbine syndrome, and just plain noise has been covered up for years, but now it has been exposed, recently within the Beethoven Wind Project. The rush is on to build these thousands of wind turbines all over South Dakota before the tax credit runs out and the lawsuits on health effects start to show up. The wind developers will soon be gone, but what's our community going to be like because of them?

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