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Re: Safe Radius requirements for wind turbines under normal operating conditions

Wind turbines are sophisticated pieces of equipment, monitored by highly trained operators and Vestas takes great care to ensure the safety of its equipment, its employees and their communities.

Vestas wind turbines, under normal operating conditions, are safe to be around in close proximity [near the tower]. Vestas employs thousands of service and maintenance technicians who work safely within close proximity to wind turbines every day. Many landowners and ranchers farm and graze animals in close proximity to the turbines.

Under normal operating conditions, Vestas has no documentation, studies or analysis proscribing a specified safety zone or setback area around its wind turbines.

In the rare case of abnormal operating conditions Vestas' Site Emergency Response Plan does specify a safety radius that should be temporarily evacuated and secured. **This is a temporary clearance and not a permanent setback requirement.** Once the event is mitigated this temporary clearance area is not required.

Safety is a deeply held value for us, serving as a foundation for all that we do at Vestas. The hallmark of all our activities is daily excellence in protection of our employees, the public, and the environment.

