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Issue: INFRASOUND - FEELINGS VS FACTS -

I can UNDERSTAND your fear of health issues. It is tough enough just getting old. Let's not have another added risk to KEEP US AWAKE at NIGHT.

There has been a long discussion on NOISE from wind turbines affecting our health. It matches up with concerns we have had with MICROWAVES and TRANSMISSION lines. It is easy to ATTRIBUTE a fear of poor health to CHANGES occurring around us. STRESS is involved. FEAR is involved. It is like the first time I operated a combine. STRESS and FEAR were a real problem at FIRST.

Let's examine the FACTS on INFRASOUND:

1. [www.wecaresd.org/research.html](http://www.wecaresd.org/research.html) - Research suggested by the ANIT-WIND GROUP was successful in deterring wind development in LINCOLN CO – a more HEAVILY populated and a higher tax base location than here. I PURUSED some of their LIBRARY. There is some good information and some CLEARLY OUT OF DATE, INCOMPLETE and IRRELEVANT information.
2. Related to INFRASOUND – here is a better SOURCE:  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2017/06/wind-turbine-syndrome/530694/> In this article it discusses how one of the researchers, Nina Pierpont, CHANGED her CONCLUSION about INFRASOUND based on FACTS not FEELINGS – focus was too much on symptoms rather than causes.
3. Geoff Levanthall, a senior U.K. acoustician, I quote an EXAMPLE: “The proportion of sleep disturbance, which people attribute to wind turbines, is not very different from the proportion of sleep disturbance reported in GENERAL — about 30 percent. So a lot of people wake up during the night, and if they happen to live near a turbine, they say it was the turbine that woke them up.”

Similarly, it might be only a MATTER of TIME before wind turbines are widely considered a safe, viable clean-energy alternative to fossil fuels, like microwaves and transmission. “Right now there is no EVIDENCE of adverse effects other than through stress,” Levanthall says. “People’s concerns and their feelings ARE REAL. It’s how their FEELINGS have arisen, which are not FACTS.”

The growing list of SYMPTOMS reportedly caused by infrasound arguably culminated in the 2009 publication Wind Turbine Syndrome: A Report On a Natural Experiment, by Pierpont. Her list includes: panic, sleep disturbance, headache, tinnitus, dizziness, nausea, and visual blurring. This list has since become central to a growing anti-wind community, but has not been recognized by any FORMAL international classification. That is to say – unproven. No CAUSATION.

Today there are more than 2,200 anti-wind groups globally. We should not accept information that is CLEARLY OUT OF DATE, INCOMPLETE AND IRRELEVANT! I recommend the SDPUC to accept the development plan for Dakota Range as presented. Copies of referenced websites available HERE.

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