

Wind Energy Easement Contracts are unfair for all involved.

Unfortunately, when we signed our contract we were not informed about all the negative effects of wind turbines. We were told that the wind turbines are definitely coming to our area. Everyone else has signed so we might as well get the money for having wind turbines on our property. As far as we knew, these might be not much different than the old fashioned wind mills that were used to pump water for the livestock when electricity was not available on the farms. We were not informed of their height or the number of these turbines that were planned . We were not informed that each wind turbine takes up 1.5 acres of valuable cropland.

The 5.2 Effects easement section of our contract should have been a red flag to us . Even this does not include the health effects of infrasound, damage to water tables, the negative effects on animal life, livestock, oil leaks, turbines catching on fire, ice throw, blades flying off and small pieces falling off and contaminating the soil, the damage from compaction from heavy equipment, and the list goes on. The only way this is included is with the phrase: and any other effects attributable to the Wind Farm or activity located on the Owner's Property or on adjacent properties over and across the Owner's Property. At the very least, the other effects should be listed instead of just included in the phrase "any other effects". Why weren't we informed of all these effects? If we had been informed, we certainly wouldn't have signed.

Construction has begun on our property and no permit has been granted. Last Fall, heavy equipment went through our unharvested cropland destroying crops and creating irreparable damage from compaction. At the very least, they could have waited a few days to avoid wasting valuable food. Legally, no notice needs to be given. Common sense would tell you that for the protection of all involved that giving us notice would be a good idea.

The state of South Dakota does not require insurance for Wind Farms. Are we the land owners going to be sued if the Wind Farms don't pay up for damages? Will we be driven from our homes by the negative effects of these Wind turbines and/ or by being sued? The little amount of money we would receive is nothing compared the negative effects of these wind turbines. We cannot sue them and they are not required to attempt to do anything to alleviate the effects to us.

Please deny this permit.

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