

Fox Islands Wind to work with Maine Department of Environmental Protection to clarify discrepancies between sound experts

Fox Islands Wind is committed to complying with the State of Maine's sound regulations. Since going into operation in December 2009, the community-owned Fox Islands Wind project has been working with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and sound consultants to ensure that it is in good regulatory standing. To date, the community wind project's sound consultant has consistently concluded that the meteorological and sound data collected over the past nine months have met state requirements.

A preliminary report released recently by a sound consultant engaged by MDEP has raised questions about measured nighttime sound levels around the project. An initial review of this report performed by Fox Islands Wind has revealed an apparent discrepancy between data analysis methodologies employed by the sound consultants. The discrepancy appears to be in the way that naturally occurring ambient noise around the site has been accounted for.

Fox Islands Wind looks forward to engaging in further discussion with the Maine DEP on the appropriate interpretation of the recent data analysis and the degree to which existing ambient sound levels are taken into consideration.

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