



WIND TURBINES NOISE & HEALTH

FACT VS. FICTION

featuring
Dr. Robert McCunney, MD
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6:30 pm, Thursday, June 3rd
Brewster Ladies Library

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June 3 Forum Addresses Wind Turbines, Noise, and Health

Dr. Robert McCunney, M.D., is featured speaker at a June 3 forum, "Wind Turbines, Noise & Health: Fact vs. Fiction," sponsored by Cape & Islands Renewable Energy Collaborative (CIRenew). The forum will run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Brewster Ladies Library, 1822 Main Street/Route 6A, Brewster.

"Concerns about wind turbine noise and possible health effects are attracting headlines and have contributed to the recent cancellation of municipal wind projects in Wellfleet and Harwich," notes Chris Powicki, CIRenew president. "While the concerns are genuine, rumors and unsubstantiated claims are being used to sway public opinion and influence decisions, creating a need for sound scientific information."

At the CIRenew forum, Dr. McCunney will discuss how wind turbines produce noise and whether this noise has direct effects on human health. He is a staff physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, clinical faculty member at Harvard Medical School, and research scientist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He frequently lectures on noise and health issues, and he served on an advisory panel convened in early 2009 to evaluate the peer-reviewed literature on the issue of wind turbine noise and perceived health effects.

The expert panel included medical doctors, audiologists, and acoustical professionals from the United States, Canada, Denmark, and the United Kingdom. They completed the most comprehensive assessment to date of plausible biological effects associated with sound created by operating turbines. Their report, ***Wind Turbine Sound and Health Effects: An Expert Panel Review***, is designed to provide an authoritative reference for making sense of the conflicting information available on this topic. The expert panel was convened by the American Wind Energy Association and Canadian Wind Energy Association, but the funding organizations had no influence on its operations or conclusions.

On June 3, Dr. McCunney will present key conclusions from the expert panel report, as well as answer questions from the audience. This event is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served.

CIRenew was founded in 2000 to bring together diverse individuals and organizations with common interest in achieving a sustainable energy future, both locally and globally. For more information, visit www.cirenew.org.

The expert panel report is available [here](http://awea.org/newsroom/releases/AWEA_CanWEA_SoundWhitePaper_12-11-09.pdf) (http://awea.org/newsroom/releases/AWEA_CanWEA_SoundWhitePaper_12-11-09.pdf).