

## **Industrial wind power creates safety issues and other problems.**

*“In Australia there was a turbine fire last month. The newspaper reports ‘40 firefighters and six trucks rushed to the wind farm to extinguish the blaze but fire hose water couldn’t reach the steel generator at the top of the tower. Instead, the firefighters watched as fire destroyed the \$3 million turbine which weighs 75 tons – and extinguished spot fires ignited by ashes from the turbine blaze.’”*

*“Wind companies steadfastly maintain that there is no problem with ice throw. A 2003 study concluded that New York has the iciest conditions in the entire country. But developers in New York routinely ignore evidence that ice can be thrown over 1600 feet by placing turbines less than 500 feet from roadways.”*

*“During a recent windstorm in Searsburg Vermont there was a lightning strike that caused a turbine blade to fall off – the largest piece, weighing 20 pounds – was found 250 feet away from the tower. The smallest piece was found one thousand feet from the tower.”*

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<http://www.windwatch.org/documents/1913>

*“Residents living near the installation in Meyersdale, which came on-line in December 2003, have had to replace stove elements and small appliances due to power surges which started at that time. Residents of Lincoln Township, Wisconsin, near a wind installation noticed an increase in power surges associated with lightning strikes in their area after the turbines went on-line in June 1999. [Two computers protected by surge protectors and a TV set, all in different houses, were simultaneously "fried" one evening when lightning struck a nearby wind turbine tower.]”*

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