

Industrial wind power harms wildlife.

“The annual body count at Altamont Pass, California has averaged nearly 5,000 birds for 20 years, prompting several current lawsuits. The wind industry response has been: “We need more time to study the problem” meanwhile the turbines continue to run full bore.”

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“While bird mortality has long been a concern, recent studies show that bat mortality may be an even greater problem, for reasons which are not entirely clear. But wind industry proponents press forward. To insure they receive all their tax credits, they continue to insist on post construction studies, a la Altamont Pass, vowing to work on resolving the “problem” in the future. Faced with the news that its wind turbines were killing thousands of bats at two windplants on Appalachian mountains ridgelines, Florida Power and Light, the owners of these windplants, reacted quickly. It barred scientists from pursuing follow-up work, pulled its \$75,000 contribution from the research cooperative studying bat mortality and ended the doctoral work of a graduate student who had produced two years of data showing unusually high rates of bat death at the Pennsylvania and West Virginia sites. Although Florida Power and Light has pulled the plug on further research into avian and bat mortality on any of its properties, the company plans to construct hundreds more huge turbines in the mountainous areas.”

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