

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PUBLIC
HEALTH SEEK PUBLIC COMMENTS ON HUMAN HEALTH
CONCERNS RELATED TO EXPOSURE TO WIND TURBINES

In response to growing interest in wind power across the Commonwealth, and recent concerns raised in relation to siting turbines in some locations, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), is in the process of convening an expert scientific panel on potential health impacts associated with exposure to wind turbines. The product of this Expert Panel will be a written report which includes the results of the panel's review of available scientific peer review literature, as well as other reports and articles on the nature and extent of potential human health impacts, and will specifically include:

- The identification and characterization of specific attributes of concern (e.g., noise, vibration and light flicker) and documented or potential human health impacts;
- The magnitude and frequency of potential human health risks associated with the design, construction and operation of existing wind turbines;
- Documented best practices that could reduce documented or potential human health risks.

To ensure that public concerns are considered by the Expert Panel, MassDEP and MDPH are also providing an opportunity for the public to provide input on potential human health concerns related to wind turbines. Comments may be submitted via email to **WindTurbineDocket.MassDEP@MassMail.State.MA.US** or by regular mail to **MassDEP Wind Turbine Docket, 1 Winter Street 4th Floor Mailroom, Boston, MA 02108.**

A response by June 30th is requested.