

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• IS THIS PROJECT APPROVED?

The Outlaw Trail Wind Project is not yet approved for construction. The project will have to receive the necessary environmental approvals in order to proceed. BluEarth intends to submit a technical project proposal to the Ministry of Environment for review.

• WHEN WILL THE PROJECT BE BUILT?

If our proposal is selected and the Project is offered a contract for power, the site will be operational within two to five years, depending on the completion date required by Saskpower. Following contract award, BluEarth will be in a position to provide a development schedule on our website.

• HOW MANY WIND TURBINES WILL THERE BE? WHERE WILL THEY BE? WHEN WILL YOU KNOW?

BluEarth will share the site plan once all of the planning, environmental and technical work is complete. BluEarth will continue to keep landowners and stakeholders up to date with project progress through newsletters and public information sessions. Information about these public information sessions will be available in the local newspaper and on our website.

• WILL THE TURBINES CAUSE WILDLIFE TO LEAVE THE AREA?

There is no evidence to suggest that wind turbines cause wildlife to leave the area. In fact, we have observed both large and small wildlife utilizing resources around our operating wind facilities. BluEarth is committed to protecting the wildlife and the natural environment surrounding all of our wind facilities. Our project team works with qualified, professional consultants and government regulators to conduct environmental assessments and ensure project infrastructure is placed in areas that minimize potential impact to wildlife.

• ARE THERE ANY HEALTH EFFECTS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT?

There has been significant research around the effects of wind turbines on human health. In 2014, Health Canada conducted a landmark study that concluded that there was no evidence to support a direct causal link between exposure to wind turbine noise and any of the self-reported health impacts. You can read more about the study on our website [here](#) and on Health Canada's website [here](#). You may also be interested in [CanWEA's Wind Facts on Your Health](#).

• WHAT IS STRAY VOLTAGE?

The term "stray voltage" is commonly used for all unwanted electrical leakage, by both the general public and utility professionals. Stray voltage is a phenomenon related to improper grounding of any electrical source. At the Project level, the Outlaw Trail Wind Project will be required to meet provincial electrical standards, and will be adequately grounded. For more information on stray voltage, please refer to CanWEA's [fact sheet](#).

• CAN YOU PUT WIND TURBINES ON NATIVE GRASSLAND?

At this time, the Project is not intending to place wind turbines on native grassland.

• WILL TURBINES BE PLACED ON CROWN LAND?

Turbines may be placed on crown land for the Outlaw Trail Wind Project. BluEarth holds crown leases for the project and the land may be available for placement. BluEarth is currently working with the province to understand the conditions under which crown land would be available for the placement of turbines. This work will help inform the site plan, which will be shared on our website once available.

• WILL TURBINES HAVE AVIATION OBSTRUCTION LIGHTING?

Yes, a portion of the turbines will have aviation obstruction lighting to ensure high visibility at night, as required by Transport Canada.

• WILL THERE BE A LOCAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CENTRE?

Yes, an Operations and Maintenance building will be required for the facility. This may be built on site or commercial space may be rented in the community. A decision will be made as part of the detailed design work, post contract award.

• HOW MANY JOBS WILL BE CREATED? WILL YOU EMPLOY LOCAL PEOPLE?

During construction, BluEarth intends to utilize local resources and companies, whenever practicable and available, which will depend on competitive pricing, necessary experience, availability to meet the Project schedule, and other requirements. During Project operation, depending on the project size, we anticipate that four to six permanent wind technician positions will be needed to maintain the site. In addition, taxes generated by the project will contribute to long term economic support of the region.

• WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO YOU NEED TO WORK AT THE FACILITY?

Once the Outlaw Trail Wind Project has achieved operation, BluEarth Asset Management, a subsidiary of BluEarth Renewables, will operate and manage the facility. Operators generally possess a Wind Turbine Technician certificate, Technical Diploma or Trade Certificate in Mechanical or Electrical.

• WHAT EFFECT DO THE TURBINES HAVE ON LEASED CROP PRODUCTION?

Only a small portion of the total land area is used by the project facilities, and areas temporarily used for construction will be fully reclaimed. There is no evidence to suggest that wind turbines have any effect on crop production outside of the construction footprint.

• WILL BLUEARTH MAINTAIN THE ROADS? ARE THEY EASY TO FARM AROUND?

Project roads will be maintained by the Project, and landowners will be able to farm around the roads with ease. Project roads are designed with low ditches and a low crown, so farming equipment can easily pass over or around them.

• WILL THE TAX REVENUE FOR THE RM BE BASED ON REVENUE FROM GENERATION?

Tax revenues are generally based on commercial mill rates, which are applied against the value of certain project infrastructure. Taxes are not typically based on revenue from generation.

• HOW MUCH DO THE LANDOWNERS GET PAID?

While all leases and agreements are confidential, participating landowners receive fair compensation for use of their land.

• ARE PROPERTY VALUES AFFECTED BY WIND TURBINES?

In 2012, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in Ontario did complete a study that analyzed the potential impact on property values for homes in proximity to wind energy facilities. The study concluded that "there is no statistically significant impact on sale prices of residential properties in these market areas resulting from proximity to an industrial wind turbine." (Source: <https://www.mpac.ca/sites/default/files/imce/pdf/ReportWindTurbines.pdf>). Should any new or updated studies specific to wind facilities become available, we will share these with interested stakeholders.