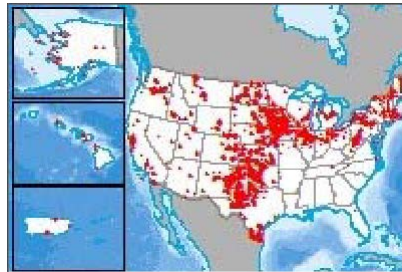


## Wind Turbine - Existing



### Tags

renewable, wind farm, wind, database, shapefile, verified, AWEA, national, United States, wind facility, turbine, energy, turbine characteristics, USGS, LBNL, USWTDB, wind turbine

### Summary

The purpose of this information is to provide a regularly updated, publicly available, spatially referenced, national dataset made up almost entirely of utility-scale wind turbine locations and their technical specifications. An appropriate use of the data would be for scientific analysis, research or for general interest for the public. Identification of turbines that have been retrofitted, repowered, decommissioned, and/or removed is a continual ongoing effort; thus, the dataset may contain turbines that were previously verified and subsequently removed.

### Description

This dataset provides locations and technical specifications of wind turbines in the United States, almost all of which are utility-scale. Utility-scale turbines are ones that generate power and feed it into the grid, supplying a utility with energy. They are usually much larger than turbines that would feed a homeowner or business. The regularly updated database has wind turbine records that have been collected, digitized, and locationally verified. Turbine data were gathered from the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Digital Obstacle File (DOF) and Obstruction Evaluation Airport Airspace Analysis (OE-AAA), the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and were merged and collapsed into a single data set. Verification of the turbine positions was done by visual interpretation using high-resolution aerial imagery in ESRI ArcGIS Desktop. A locational error of plus or minus 10 meters for turbine locations was tolerated. Technical specifications for turbines were assigned based on the wind turbine make and models as provided by manufacturers and project developers directly, and via FAA datasets, information on the wind project developer or turbine manufacturer websites, or other online sources. Some facility and turbine information on make and model did not exist or was difficult to obtain. Thus, uncertainty may exist for certain turbine specifications. Similarly, some turbines were not yet built, not built at all, or for other reasons cannot be verified visually. Location and turbine specifications data quality are rated and a confidence is recorded for both. None of the data are field verified.

### Credits

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act of distribution constitute any such warranty.

## Extent

**West** -171.713074    **East** 144.722656  
**North** 66.839905    **South** 13.389381

## Scale Range

**Maximum (zoomed in)** 1:5,000  
**Minimum (zoomed out)** 1:150,000,000

## ArcGIS Metadata

### Topics and Keywords

\* CONTENT TYPE Downloadable Data  
PLACE KEYWORDS United States  
THEME KEYWORDS renewable, wind farm, wind, database, shapefile, verified, AWEA, national, wind facility, turbine, energy, turbine characteristics, USGS, LBNL, USWTDB, wind turbine

### Citation

TITLE Wind Turbine - Existing  
PUBLICATION DATE 2020-01-01  
PRESENTATION FORMATS \* digital map  
FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT Vector Digital Data Set (Point)

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## Resource Details

DATASET LANGUAGES English (UNITED STATES)

STATUS planned

SPATIAL REPRESENTATION TYPE vector

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Some facility and turbine information on make and model did not exist or was difficult to obtain. Thus, uncertainty may exist for certain turbine specifications. Similarly, some turbines were not yet built, not built at all, or for other reasons cannot be verified visually. Location and turbine specifications data quality are rated and a confidence is recorded for both. None of the data are field verified.

\* PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT Version 6.2 (Build 9200) ; Esri ArcGIS 10.6.1.9270

### CREDITS

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### ARCGIS ITEM PROPERTIES

\* NAME windmill\_windmotor\_site\_windfarm\_usgs\_v5

\* ACCESS PROTOCOL Local Area Network

## Extents

### EXTENT

#### DESCRIPTION

ground condition

#### TEMPORAL EXTENT

BEGINNING DATE 1981-01-01

ENDING DATE 2019-12-04

### EXTENT

#### GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT

##### BOUNDING RECTANGLE

WEST LONGITUDE -171.7131

EAST LONGITUDE 144.7227

SOUTH LATITUDE 13.3894

NORTH LATITUDE 66.8399

### EXTENT

#### GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT

##### BOUNDING RECTANGLE

EXTENT TYPE Extent used for searching

\* WEST LONGITUDE -171.713074

\* EAST LONGITUDE 144.722656

\* NORTH LATITUDE 66.839905

\* SOUTH LATITUDE 13.389381

\* EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes

### EXTENT IN THE ITEM'S COORDINATE SYSTEM

\* WEST LONGITUDE -19115011.960228

\* EAST LONGITUDE 16110452.372170

\* SOUTH LATITUDE 1504253.414626

\* NORTH LATITUDE 10110596.985745

\* EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes

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## Resource Maintenance

#### RESOURCE MAINTENANCE

UPDATE FREQUENCY quarterly

## Resource Constraints

#### LEGAL CONSTRAINTS

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## Spatial Reference

#### ARC GIS COORDINATE SYSTEM

- \* TYPE Projected
- \* GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATE REFERENCE GCS\_WGS\_1984
- \* PROJECTION WGS\_1984\_Web\_Mercator\_Auxiliary\_Sphere
- \* COORDINATE REFERENCE DETAILS

##### PROJECTED COORDINATE SYSTEM

WELL-KNOWN IDENTIFIER 102100  
X ORIGIN -22041257.77387803  
Y ORIGIN -30241100

XY SCALE 144148035.89861274  
Z ORIGIN -100000  
Z SCALE 10000  
M ORIGIN -100000  
M SCALE 10000  
XY TOLERANCE 0.001  
Z TOLERANCE 0.001  
M TOLERANCE 0.001  
HIGH PRECISION true  
LATEST WELL-KNOWN IDENTIFIER 3857  
WELL-KNOWN TEXT PROJCS["WGS\_1984\_Web\_Mercator\_Auxiliary\_Sphere",GEOGCS  
["GCS\_WGS\_1984",DATUM["D\_WGS\_1984",SPHEROID  
["WGS\_1984",6378137.0,298.257223563]],PRIMEM["Greenwich",0.0],UNIT  
["Degree",0.0174532925199433]],PROJECTION["Mercator\_Auxiliary\_Sphere"],PARAMETER  
["False\_Easting",0.0],PARAMETER["False\_Northing",0.0],PARAMETER  
["Central\_Meridian",0.0],PARAMETER["Standard\_Parallel\_1",0.0],PARAMETER  
["Auxiliary\_Sphere\_Type",0.0],UNIT["Meter",1.0],AUTHORITY["EPSG",3857]]

#### REFERENCE SYSTEM IDENTIFIER

- \* VALUE 3857
- \* CODESPACE EPSG
- \* VERSION 8.8(9.3.1.2)

## Spatial Data Properties

#### VECTOR

- \* LEVEL OF TOPOLOGY FOR THIS DATASET geometry only

#### GEOMETRIC OBJECTS

FEATURE CLASS NAME windmill\_windmotor\_site\_windfarm\_usgs\_v5

- \* OBJECT TYPE point
- \* OBJECT COUNT 63003

#### ARCGIS FEATURE CLASS PROPERTIES

FEATURE CLASS NAME windmill\_windmotor\_site\_windfarm\_usgs\_v5

- \* FEATURE TYPE Simple
- \* GEOMETRY TYPE Point
- \* HAS TOPOLOGY FALSE
- \* FEATURE COUNT 63003
- \* SPATIAL INDEX TRUE
- \* LINEAR REFERENCING FALSE

## Data Quality

#### SCOPE OF QUALITY INFORMATION

RESOURCE LEVEL dataset

#### DATA QUALITY REPORT - CONCEPTUAL CONSISTENCY

##### MEASURE DESCRIPTION

No formal logical accuracy tests were conducted.

#### DATA QUALITY REPORT - COMPLETENESS OMISSION

##### MEASURE DESCRIPTION

Data set is considered complete for the information presented, as described in the abstract. It is regularly updated and turbines will be added and removed over time, and characteristics might be altered over time as well. Users should be aware that the location data was based on a snapshot of time; turbines could have been removed after that time or built since the image date. None of the data are field verified.

#### DATA QUALITY REPORT - QUANTITATIVE ATTRIBUTE ACCURACY

##### MEASURE DESCRIPTION

Turbine data points were spatially verified in aerial imagery to confirm or edit their correct position. The map scale used while verifying and digitizing turbines depended on location, need, and imagery availability. Authors used aerial imagery with a typical assessment map scale of 1:2,000 to 1:5,000, none of the spatial verification was done at a map scale smaller than 1:5,000. Uncertainty may exist for certain turbine locations as indicated in confidence turbine location field (t\_conf\_loc). Uncertainty in turbine specifications was indicated in the confidence of attribute field (t\_conf\_atr).

#### DATA QUALITY REPORT - ABSOLUTE EXTERNAL POSITIONAL ACCURACY

##### DIMENSION horizontal

##### MEASURE DESCRIPTION

The wind turbine points were horizontally verified with aerial imagery as specified in the image source attribute. NAIP provides 1 meter ground sample distance orthoimagery to within plus or minus 6 meters to true ground at a 95-percent confidence level. The Bing Maps Aerial base maps and Digital Globe imagery have a variable resolution and accuracy based on image source, type, and location. The Bing Maps Aerial base maps horizontal accuracy for CONUS is estimated to be 0.3m to 0.03m. Digital Globe imagery is estimated to be 0.3m to 0.03m.

#### DATA QUALITY REPORT - ABSOLUTE EXTERNAL POSITIONAL ACCURACY

##### DIMENSION vertical

##### MEASURE DESCRIPTION

A formal accuracy assessment of the vertical positional information in the data set has either not been conducted, or is not applicable.

## Lineage

#### PROCESS STEP ►

WHEN THE PROCESS OCCURRED 2020-01-02

##### DESCRIPTION

Prior to steps listed below, US wind turbines were identified, mapped, and verified by USGS for a separate dataset: "Onshore Industrial Wind Turbine Locations for the United States to March 2014". A description of the process to develop that dataset can be found in the metadata file for that release (<https://doi.org/10.5066/F7251G8Q>). Building off this earlier effort, the following steps were taken to expand and update the United States Wind Turbine Database (USWTDB) with the collaboration between USGS, LBNL, and AWEA. Please note that some steps are iterated on a quarterly basis to keep the dataset current. (1) The March 2014 USGS dataset 48,956 turbines, 34,864 of which had unique FAA Obstacle Repository System (ORS) numbers was merged with (2) the LBNL wind turbine dataset. It had previously existed separately in house, and also had the FAA ORS number as well as many of the same fields as the USGS dataset. It was merged into the USGS dataset using the ORS number, bringing in LBNL fields and IDs. (3) Non-matching LBNL turbines were also added as LBNL only turbines. (4) The most recent FAA Digital Obstacle File (DOF) was downloaded and filtered for "windmills", and reprojected from WGS-84, as FAA provided it, to NAD-83 datum, the USGS and LBNL datum. These new coordinates were used later in the process. (5) The DOF dataset was then merged into the working USWTDB using ORS number, keeping new (non-matching) DOF Only turbines, and DOF variables (faa\_aglht, faa\_amslht, faa\_asn, ylat, xlong). (6) The most recent FAA Obstacle Evaluation Airport Airspace Analysis (OE-AAA) file was downloaded and filtered for "windmills". (7) The OE-AAA dataset was merged into working USWTDB using Aeronautical Study Number (ASN) and preserved as the faa\_asn attribute, keeping new (non-matching) turbines as OE only and OE-AAA variables (oe\_builtdate, oe\_appdate, oe\_expdate, oe\_comdate, notice of, status, dtrmtn, oe\_aglht, ylat, xlong). (8) The latest AWEA WindIQ turbine dataset was downloaded. (9) A geospatial match between AWEA turbines and working USWTDB was performed using "geonear" command in Stata statistical analysis software and the following steps: [a] Save separate AWEA and working USWTDB datasets. [b] Run "geonear" command in Stata between the two datasets to determine and "match" nearest neighbors (i.e., these turbines are suspected to be the same turbine but from the two different datasets), and calculate the distance between them. [c] Calculate differences in installed year, hub height, rotor diameter, and total height between "matched" turbine pairs. [d]

Accept "match" (meaning assume they are, in fact, the same turbine) IF distance between pairs is zero (perfect geospatial match), OR distance between pairs is less than 100 feet (30.5 m) AND hub height, rotor diameter, and installed year are equal between the pairs. If the match criteria were not met, both turbines in the pair were saved for subsequent visual inspection and "manual" confirmation of match. Non-matching AWEA turbines are added to the dataset as AWEA-only turbines and all AWEA variables (turbine ID, p\_year, t\_cap, t\_hh, t\_rd, t\_tth, ylat, xlong, t\_manu, t\_model, t\_state, as well as other variables) were added to the dataset. (10) A hierarchy was developed because multiple datasets contain some of the same fields (e.g., t\_ttlh was contained in USGS, LBNL, DOF, OE-AAA and AWEA datasets) Because LBNL and AWEA data are sourced from two high-quality sources (OEMs and developers) and reconciled to eliminate differences, LBNL data is the primary source for turbine attributes and turbine project characteristics, then AWEA, USGS, DOF, and finally OE-AAA. In the overwhelming majority of cases, differences between sources were minimal, but when discrepancies existed that order was used to populate fields. All fields that are missing from higher-order sources are populated from lower sources. (11) The working (i.e., fully merged) USWTDB was spatially joined with base layers via ArcMap in order to pin t\_state, t\_county and t\_fips to turbine points. (12) Turbine points were selected by state, saved as an individual turbine file for each state, and distributed to authors for editing. (13) A basemap image from Digital Globe was added to the ArcMap project file. If Digital Globe imagery did not show a turbine installation, USDA/NAIP County Mosaic Orthoimagery Google Earth imagery was cross checked. Previous bing map image source was retained for some of the previous USGS data. (14) Turbine points were visually verified and edited/moved to the base of the turbine as needed with an estimated tolerance of 10 meters. (15) If the turbine data point was not seen on an image, the t\_conf\_loc was entered as 1. If the turbine point was in partial construction or with other doubts, the t\_conf\_loc was entered as 2. If a turbine was clearly seen on image, the t\_conf\_loc was entered as 3. Turbines that have not yet been visually verified are labeled with 0 in t\_conf\_loc. (16) Turbine points that had existed previously but were since decommissioned and removed were flagged as decommissioned and later removed (see step 20). (17) Duplicate turbine points (largely resulting from AWEA geospatial merge) were identified and t\_img\_date, and t\_img\_srce were attributed for each turbine. (18) Non-turbine points that had been assigned FAA Obstacle Repository System (ORS) numbers or were digitized in the process such as communications towers, meteorological towers, water windmills, power transmission towers, etc., were removed. (19) Edited wind turbine files for each state were merged into one single shapefile, turbines identified as duplicates were matched, all fields were collapsed into a single turbine observation, and duplicate points were removed. (20) Turbines flagged as decommissioned were removed. (21) QA/QC was conducted for spatial accuracy and attribution by a peer or a supervisor other than the author that initially completed the work. As noted above, steps 4-21 are repeated on a quarterly basis, using the most recent USWTDB as the starting point. (22) Starting with version 2\_3, an additional attribute of the eia\_id 860 plant code was added to allow users to correlate to EIA 860 data. The plant codes were initially matched to AWEA base data when available and provided by AWEA. The incomplete values were matched manually based on project name, year, turbine make/model, state, county, etc.

#### SOURCE DATA

##### DESCRIPTION

Source information used in support of the development of the data set.

SOURCE MEDIUM NAME   hardcopy

##### SOURCE CITATION

TITLE Obstruction Evaluation Airport Airspace Analysis

ALTERNATE TITLES    FAA OE-AAA

PUBLICATION DATE 2019-10-19

FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT   Other

##### RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME FAA

CONTACT'S ROLE    originator

##### RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME FAA

CONTACT'S ROLE    publisher

##### CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS

DELIVERY POINT Obstruction Evaluation Group

RESOURCE LOCATION ONLINE

LOCATION <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/public/publicAction.jsp?action=showCaseDownloadForm>

EXTENT OF THE SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

ground condition

TEMPORAL EXTENT

BEGINNING DATE 1998-02-05

ENDING DATE 2019-10-18

SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

Source information used in support of the development of the data set. Data is only for internal AWEA member use.

SOURCE MEDIUM NAME hardcopy

SOURCE CITATION

TITLE WindIQ

ALTERNATE TITLES AWEA WindIQ

PUBLICATION DATE 2019-10-31

FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT Other

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME AWEA

CONTACT'S ROLE publisher

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS

DELIVERY POINT Available to AWEA members only

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME American Wind Energy Association

CONTACT'S ROLE originator

RESOURCE LOCATION ONLINE

LOCATION <https://www.awea.org/windiq>

EXTENT OF THE SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

ground condition

TEMPORAL EXTENT

BEGINNING DATE 1981-01-01

ENDING DATE 2019-09-30

SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

Source information used in support of the development of the data set.

SOURCE MEDIUM NAME hardcopy

SOURCE CITATION

TITLE Form EIA-860 - Schedule 3 - Wind Technology Data

ALTERNATE TITLES EIA-860

PUBLICATION DATE 2019-09-03

FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT Digital and/or Hardcopy Resources

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME EIA

CONTACT'S ROLE originator



RESOURCE LOCATION ONLINE

LOCATION <https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia860/>

EXTENT OF THE SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

ground condition

TEMPORAL EXTENT

DATE AND TIME 2019-09-03

SOURCE DATA ▶

DESCRIPTION

Source information used in support of the development of the data set. Data is only for internal use.

SOURCE MEDIUM NAME hardcopy

SOURCE CITATION

TITLE LBNL Wind Turbine Database

ALTERNATE TITLES LBNL WTDB

PUBLICATION DATE

INDETERMINATE DATE unknown

FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT Other

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME LBNL

CONTACT'S ROLE publisher

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS

DELIVERY POINT NOT APPLICABLE - LBNL internal data

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

CONTACT'S ROLE originator

RESOURCE LOCATION ONLINE

LOCATION NOT APPLICABLE

EXTENT OF THE SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

ground condition

TEMPORAL EXTENT

BEGINNING DATE 1986-01-01

ENDING DATE 2016-12-31

SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

Source information used in support of the development of the data set.

SOURCE MEDIUM NAME hardcopy

SOURCE CITATION

TITLE Digital Obstacle File

ALTERNATE TITLES FAA DOF

PUBLICATION DATE 2019-11-05

FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT Other

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME FAA

CONTACT'S ROLE publisher

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS

DELIVERY POINT Aeronautical Information Services

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME FAA  
CONTACT'S ROLE originator

RESOURCE LOCATION ONLINE

LOCATION [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/digital\\_products/dof/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/dof/)

EXTENT OF THE SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION  
ground condition

TEMPORAL EXTENT

BEGINNING DATE 2019-09-09  
ENDING DATE 2019-11-03

SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION

Source information used in support of the development of the data set.

SOURCE MEDIUM NAME hardcopy

SOURCE CITATION

TITLE Onshore Industrial Wind Turbine Locations for the United States to March 2014  
ALTERNATE TITLES USGS 2014 Wind Turbine Locations  
PUBLICATION DATE 2015-05-01

FGDC GEOSPATIAL PRESENTATION FORMAT Vector Digital Data Set

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME U.S. Geological Survey  
CONTACT'S ROLE originator

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

ORGANIZATION'S NAME U.S. Geological Survey  
CONTACT'S ROLE publisher

CONTACT INFORMATION

ADDRESS  
DELIVERY POINT U.S. Geological Survey - ScienceBase

RESOURCE LOCATION ONLINE

LOCATION <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7251G8Q>

EXTENT OF THE SOURCE DATA

DESCRIPTION  
ground condition

TEMPORAL EXTENT

BEGINNING DATE 1981-01-01  
ENDING DATE 2014-03-02

## Distribution

DISTRIBUTOR

CONTACT INFORMATION

ORGANIZATION'S NAME U.S. Geological Survey - ScienceBase  
CONTACT'S ROLE distributor

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COUNTRY US  
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AVAILABLE FORMAT  
NAME Digital Data

ORDERING PROCESS  
TERMS AND FEES none

TRANSFER OPTIONS  
ONLINE SOURCE  
LOCATION <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7TX3DNO>

ONLINE SOURCE  
LOCATION <https://eerscmap.usgs.gov/uswtdb/>

DISTRIBUTION FORMAT  
\* NAME File Geodatabase Feature Class

TRANSFER OPTIONS  
ONLINE SOURCE  
LOCATION <https://eerscmap.usgs.gov/uswtdb/>

ONLINE SOURCE  
LOCATION <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7TX3DNO>

## Fields

DETAILS FOR OBJECT [windmill\\_windmotor\\_site\\_windfarm\\_usgs\\_v5](#)

\* TYPE Feature Class

\* ROW COUNT 63003

DEFINITION

Table containing attribute information associated with the data set.

DEFINITION SOURCE  
Producer defined

FIELD OBJECTID

\* ALIAS OBJECTID

\* DATA TYPE OID

\* WIDTH 4

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

\* FIELD DESCRIPTION

Internal feature number.

\* DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Esri

\* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

FIELD Shape

\* ALIAS Shape

\* DATA TYPE Geometry

\* WIDTH 0

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

\* FIELD DESCRIPTION

Feature geometry.

\* DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Esri

\* DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Coordinates defining the features.

FIELD eia\_id

- \* ALIAS eia\_id
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

EIA identification for cross-reference to the EIA-860 data

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

<https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia860/>

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

number from EIA-860 data - plant code in the wind technology data spreadsheet, -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv were not part of the referenced dataset,

FIELD t\_img\_date

- \* ALIAS t\_img\_date
- \* DATA TYPE Date
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

date of image used to visually verify turbine location (note if NAIP is the image source the month and day were set to 01/01)

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 0  
MAXIMUM VALUE 0  
UNITS OF MEASURE date

FIELD t\_rsa

- \* ALIAS t\_rsa
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

turbine rotor swept area square meters (m<sup>2</sup>); -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are unknown, calculated as  $3.14159 \left(\frac{[\text{rotor\_dia}]}{2}\right)^2$

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 95.03  
MAXIMUM VALUE 17671.46  
UNITS OF MEASURE square meter

FIELD t\_rd

- \* ALIAS t\_rd
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

turbine rotor diameter in meters (m); -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are unknown

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 11  
MAXIMUM VALUE 150  
UNITS OF MEASURE meter

FIELD t\_cap

- \* ALIAS t\_cap
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Turbine rated capacity in kilowatt (kW). The manufacturer's stated output power at rated wind speed. Data from AWEA, manufacturer data, and/or other internet resources; -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are unknown

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 50  
MAXIMUM VALUE 6000  
UNITS OF MEASURE kilowatt

FIELD t\_model

- \* ALIAS t\_model
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

turbine model - manufacturer's model name of each turbine

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

E.g., 1.5SLE, V100\_1.8, Z50, etc.; "missing" values in the shapfile and blank values in the csv are unknown

FIELD t\_manu

- \* ALIAS t\_manu
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

turbine manufacturer - name of the original equipment manufacturer of the turbine

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

E.g., Vestas, Siemens, Suzlon, etc.; "missing" values in the shapfile and blank values in the csv are unknown

FIELD p\_cap

- \* ALIAS p\_cap
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

cumulative capacity of all turbines in the wind power project, in megawatts (MW); -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are unknown

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 0.05

MAXIMUM VALUE 495.01

UNITS OF MEASURE Megawatts

FIELD xlong

\* ALIAS xlong

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

current longitude of the turbine point, in decimal degrees calculated in Arc Map using GCS: North American 1983 (NAD 83)

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE -171.713074

MAXIMUM VALUE 144.722656

UNITS OF MEASURE decimal degrees

FIELD t\_conf\_loc

\* ALIAS t\_conf\_loc

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Level of confidence in turbine location, from low to high

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

LIST OF VALUES

VALUE 2

DESCRIPTION partial confidence: image shows developed pad with base and/or turbine parts on ground

ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

VALUE 1

DESCRIPTION no confidence: nothing on image, image has clouds, never built, previously removed, needs newer imagery

ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

VALUE 3

DESCRIPTION full confidence: image shows an installed turbine or tower being constructed, the tower is least partially present with neighboring turbine constructed

ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

FIELD t\_ttlh

\* ALIAS t\_ttlh

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

turbine total height - height of entire wind turbine from ground to tip of a vertically extended blade above the tower. Computed as the hub height plus half of the rotor diameter, in

meters, when t\_hh and t\_rd are non-missing. Otherwise, the total height as provided by the FAA DOF or FAA OE/AAA is used, which can be considered a maximum height; -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are unknown

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 26.7

MAXIMUM VALUE 198.1

UNITS OF MEASURE meter

FIELD faa\_ors

\* ALIAS faa\_ors

\* DATA TYPE String

\* WIDTH 254

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

faa unique identifier for each turbine for cross-reference to the faa digital obstacle files (faa dof )

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

FAA, [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/digital\\_products/dof/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/dof/)

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

identifier with the first two digits indicating a state, then a dash, with a sequential number following; "missing" values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are ones with no known DOF identifier

FIELD case\_id

\* ALIAS case\_id

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

unique stable identification number

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 3000001

MAXIMUM VALUE 3096960

UNITS OF MEASURE 1

FIELD p\_year

\* ALIAS p\_year

\* DATA TYPE Double

\* WIDTH 8

\* PRECISION 0

\* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Year the wind power project became operational and began providing power. In some cases, the year is estimated based on the year the turbine was erected, which will precede when it became operational, and sometimes fall in the preceding year; -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are unknown

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 1981

MAXIMUM VALUE 2019

UNITS OF MEASURE Year

FIELD t\_fips

- \* ALIAS t\_fips
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

state and county fips where turbine is located, based on spatial join of turbine points with US state and county shapefile

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

U.S. Census

CODED VALUES

NAME OF CODELIST FIPS Code (5-Digit State & County ID)

SOURCE US Census / US Postal Service (<http://www.census.gov/tiger/tms/gazetteer/zips.txt>)

FIELD t\_county

- \* ALIAS t\_county
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

county or county equivalent where turbine is located

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

U.S Census [https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/cbf/cbf\\_counties.html](https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/cbf/cbf_counties.html)

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

County or county equivalent, based on spatial join of turbine points with US state and county shapefile

FIELD t\_state ►

- \* ALIAS t\_state
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

state where turbine is located

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

U.S Census [https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/cbf/cbf\\_state.html](https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/cbf/cbf_state.html)

CODED VALUES

NAME OF CODELIST US Postal 2-Letter State

SOURCE US Census / US Postal Service (<http://www.census.gov/tiger/tms/gazetteer/zips.txt>)

FIELD p\_name

- \* ALIAS p\_name
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

name of the wind power project that the turbine is a part of

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES



Project names are typically provided to AWEA by the developer; some names are identified from other internet resources, and others are created by the authors to differentiate them from previous projects. If no project name can be identified via these methods, authors assigned one based on the county where the turbines are located.

#### FIELD p\_tnum

- \* ALIAS p\_tnum
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

#### FIELD DESCRIPTION

number of turbines in the wind power project

#### DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

#### RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 1  
MAXIMUM VALUE 796  
UNITS OF MEASURE Count

#### FIELD usgs\_pr\_id

- \* ALIAS usgs\_pr\_id
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

#### FIELD DESCRIPTION

unique, stable object number for cross-reference to a prior dataset

#### DESCRIPTION SOURCE

USGS <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7251G8Q>

#### DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

unique, stable object number for cross-reference to the USGS Onshore Industrial Wind Turbine Locations for the United States 2013 and 2014 products; -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv were not part of the referenced dataset

#### FIELD t\_img\_srce

- \* ALIAS t\_img\_srce
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

#### FIELD DESCRIPTION

source of image used to visually verify turbine location

#### DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

#### LIST OF VALUES

VALUE Bing Maps Aerial  
DESCRIPTION ESRI ArcMap Base maps, available from ESRI ArcMap  
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#### VALUE NAIP

DESCRIPTION National Agriculture Imagery Program County Mosaics from <https://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov/>  
ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

#### VALUE Google Earth

DESCRIPTION Google Earth  
ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

#### VALUE Digital Globe

DESCRIPTION Digital Globe EV WebHosting Imagery from <https://www.digitalglobe.com/products/enhancedview-web-hosting-services>  
ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

FIELD `faa_asn`

- \* ALIAS `faa_asn`
- \* DATA TYPE String
- \* WIDTH 254
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

faa obstruction evaluation airport airspace analysis (oe-aaa) aeronautical study number (asn)

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

FAA, <https://oeaaa.faa.gov/oeaaa/external/public/publicAction.jsp>

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

year-region-number-case type (faa regional boundaries id across the country such as: AAL, ACE, AEA, AGL, ANE, ANM, ASO, ASW, AWP, WTE and WTW) (case types: Nonrule Making Airport. (NRA), Nonrule (NR), or an Obstruction Evaluation (OE) study; "missing" values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are those with no known asn value

FIELD `t_conf_atr`

- \* ALIAS `t_conf_atr`
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Level of confidence in the turbine's attributes, from low to high

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

LIST OF VALUES

VALUE 2

DESCRIPTION partial confidence: incomplete information or discrepancies across data sources or other issues found

ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

VALUE 1

DESCRIPTION no confidence: no information found

ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

VALUE 3

DESCRIPTION full confidence: consistent information across multiple data sources

ENUMERATED DOMAIN VALUE DEFINITION SOURCE Producer defined

FIELD `ylat`

- \* ALIAS `ylat`
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

FIELD DESCRIPTION

current latitude of the turbine point, in decimal degrees calculated in Arc Map using GCS: North American 1983 (NAD 83)

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 13.389381

MAXIMUM VALUE 66.839905

UNITS OF MEASURE decimal degrees

#### FIELD t\_hh

- \* ALIAS t\_hh
- \* DATA TYPE Double
- \* WIDTH 8
- \* PRECISION 0
- \* SCALE 0

#### FIELD DESCRIPTION

turbine hub height in meters (m). Data from AWEA, manufacturer data, and/or other internet resources; -9999 values in the shapefile and blank values in the csv are unknown

#### DESCRIPTION SOURCE

Producer defined

#### RANGE OF VALUES

MINIMUM VALUE 18.2  
MAXIMUM VALUE 130  
UNITS OF MEASURE meter

#### OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION

##### ENTITY AND ATTRIBUTE OVERVIEW

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