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    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
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    Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and were
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    turbine information on make and model did not exist or was difficult to obtain. Thus,
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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". 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[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 ACP turbines are added to the dataset as ACP-only turbines and all ACP variables (turbine ID, p_year, t_cap, t_hh, t_rd, t_tth, ylat, xlong, t_manu, t_model, t_state, retrofit, retrofit_year, 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 ACP datasets)Because LBNL and ACP 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 ACP, 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 ACP 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 ACP base data when available and provided by ACP. The incomplete values were matched manually based on project name, year, turbine make/model, state, county, etc. (23) Starting with version 3_3, two additional attributes were added from ACP data to identify turbines that have been partially retrofit (i.e., new rotor blades and/or nacelles on existing towers) named retrofit and the year in which that retrofit occurred named retrofit_year. This information is derived from ACP's WindIQ database. (24)A csv of the data is then exported, as well as creation of a changelog, and entity and attribute data dictionary; all can be downloaded separately. cprocdate>20231122

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