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Despite Devastating Impact of Sandy, Wind Energy Helps to Keep the Lights On in Northeast

DWEA Members Report Little to No Impact on Wind Turbines along East Coast

Flagstaff, AZ, November 15, 2012 – As most of the Northeast continues to assess the devastation and damage to the area's infrastructure due to the impact of Sandy, there was one part of the local energy-generating network that suffered little to no damage: wind turbines. As the deadline to extend the wind energy tax looms, the [Distributed Wind Energy Association](#) (DWEA) and other wind energy advocates are underscoring the importance of this alternative energy platform as a reliable and sustainable source for small business and home owners.

Up and down the coast, DWEA members have shared accounts of distributed wind systems braving the storm in all impacted states. Stories include little to no damage to members' wind turbines from North Carolina to New York, and beyond.

Mike Bergey, President of Bergey Windpower Co., had five 10 kW turbines installed in Nags Head, North Carolina, including three turbines on Jennette's Pier, which was directly impacted by Sandy. Bergey was pleased to report that all five of his turbines survived the storm unscathed.

According to Bob Olivio in Villas, New Jersey, "I am on the Delaware Bay approximately four miles from Cape May. I was here during the entire storm with winds as high as 71 mph. I never powered my Skystream off, and am pleased to report that it's still generating electricity today."

Based on wind speed data from the National Hurricane Center, turbines that are engineered to withstand 120 mph winds would have easily weathered Sandy's wrath but many business and home owners don't consider wind energy as an alternative energy source until it's too late.

"We hope that citizens and business owners will consider the power of wind energy as a tested and valuable source of energy to generate electricity. When all else fails, wind energy has the

ability to weather the storm and keep the lights on," advocated Jennifer Jenkins, executive director, DWEA.

If you want to learn more about the benefits of wind energy and why it should be considered a viable option for your home or business, please go to DWEA's site found [here](#).

About the Distributed Wind Energy Association

The Distributed Wind Energy Association is a collaborative group comprised of manufacturers, distributors, project developers, dealers, installers, and advocates, whose primary mission is to promote and foster all aspects of the American distributed wind energy industry. Distributed wind, commonly referred to as small and community wind, is the use of typically smaller wind turbines at homes, farms, businesses, and public facilities to off-set all or a portion of on-site energy consumption. DWEA seeks to attract members and associates from all sectors with relevant interests pertaining to the distributed wind industry. For more information on DWEA, please go to www.distributedwind.org. Follow us on Twitter [@DWEA](#), find us, like us and connect with us on Facebook and LinkedIn by searching Distributed Wind Energy Association.

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