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I am a...

Public official or representative

Are you commenting on a straw proposal?

No

If not, what is the subject of your comment/question?

PFAS contaminants and degradation of land resources

Comment/Question

I am a member of my town's Board of Health, but I am commenting as a concerned resident. Charlton currently has almost 30 solar arrays on line, with another very large (800+ acres) array proposed; that is 1.25 square miles! This solar facility would have over 500,000 panels, plus battery storage units. All of these have potential contaminants, especially PFAS, that have the potential to devastate the environment. We need strict regulations to ensure that hazardous materials will not end up in our soils and water years from now. Testing of panels, surrounding soils, and the decommissioned panels all need to be carefully monitored to avoid a potential Superfund site. This type of energy regulation needs comprehensive scientific testing and oversight to safeguard local residents.

Thank you,
Jon Sanborn