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Dear Siting Board, DPU and others,

While I see new chemistry without PFAS is on the horizon, these articles listed below need to be addressed.

You are but a small group of individuals charged with meeting and expediting renewable according to Governor Healy's carbon neutral goals and The Act voted in November 2024. However, I urge you to do your due diligence and be proactive requiring further testing of each and every manufacturers solar panels coatings, and all ingredients that make up solar and battery energy storage systems. This is so important before our states trees are removed and covered with additional thousands of panels and batteries. We have only a handful of closed landfills and those forested sites are already being targeted - SADLY the large inexpensive forested parcels located in our small rural towns are the first to go.

Let's be proactive, you have the power to slow down the fast solar and lithium battery deployment until the industry proves to us that their projects will not cause the environment more harm than good. Our wells, watersheds and crops need your protection.

Please take a moment to read these 2 articles and if you believe we need deep and accurate US lab testing, then take a pause in deployment of the utility size solar and BESS power projects.

Thank you, H. Laurie Degnan Charlton volunteer and former chair of the solar committee

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