

No replacement

In defense of wind power, a recent writer, a member of the American Wind Energy Association, (Free Press, Aug. 14) points out that wind energy emits no air, water or global warming pollution. He neglects to mention that it also produces no electricity unless the wind is blowing.

Homes and businesses require a reliable source of energy, hence wind power can never replace more conventional and reliable sources of energy. It is for this reason that Denmark has built 5,000 wind turbines, but not closed a single coal-fired electrical plant.

Wind energy is expensive, inefficient and unreliable. We would do better to spend the money on conservation, particularly of gas and oil, which is responsible for more pollution than electricity, and on devising ways to reduce emissions of coal and gas-fired electrical plants.

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