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To the Members of the PSC:

I would like to go on record saying that I do not believe the depth of 3 feet is adequate for the removal of underground cement under wind turbines. If one were to try to erect a structure, three feet would likely be a shallow depth to run into such a huge mass of cement. Fencing would also be inhibited at this depth. It seems 8 or nine feet would be a more satisfactory depth that would likely keep most endeavors free from the interference of unknown underground cement masses.

For example, say someone bought some farmland and decided to put a dwelling with a basement on a particularly picturesque spot. The land was purchased; the deal was done. Then, upon excavation they ran into an unrealized mass of cement so large that it completely stalled out their dream.

Companies need to be responsible to clear up the debris from any projects that they have completed so the current or future occupants can freely pursue their endeavors. The land is being leased from farmers mostly. The land should be kept at an optimum state of usefulness of its owners after decommissioning. The PSC needs to be a protector of landowner rights and concerns or it ceases to be a service to North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Alison Grotberg