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Shoreham Nuclear Site Turns to Wind Generation

In a symbolically significant turning point in Long Island's tumultuous energy history, the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) today dedicated two 50 kilowatt wind turbine generators on the site of the defunct Shoreham Nuclear Plant. Elected officials, civic leaders, long-time anti-nuclear activists and environmentalists attended the event and subsequent luncheon and applauded the initiative.

"This marks the end of an era, and the beginning of another. While these two wind turbines are dwarfed by the colossal reactor behind them, they represent a powerful glimpse of things to come", said Gordian Raacke, Executive Director of Renewable Energy Long Island (RELI). "What we are witnessing today is a gradual but gigantic shift in public policy priorities, a powerful desire to replace environmentally destructive energy technologies of the past with clean and sustainable energy choices of the 21st Century."

"Our struggle against the dangers of nuclear power and the arrogance of a large utility corporation was difficult and seemed at times impossible to win", said Peter Maniscalco, former Coordinator of the Stop Shoreham Campaign. "Yet, here we are, decades later at this place of transformation where Long Islanders courageously defeated nuclear power, witnessing environmentally benign renewable energy take root."

The two small wind turbines are seen as a precursor of much larger clean energy initiatives that are underway. A coalition of environmental and civic groups have formed the [Long Island Offshore Wind Initiative \(LIOWI\)](#) and are working with LIPA to build what is expected to be the Nation's first offshore wind energy park approximately three miles south of Robert Moses State Park. That project will generate enough pollution-free electricity to power the equivalent of 42,000 average Long Island homes. LIPA's Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of the project.

"Today, as we look back, we thank the long-time determined advocates and elected officials who fought so long and hard but ultimately succeeded in protecting Long Island from the threat of nuclear power on our soil. We are also grateful for the enlightened leadership that LIPA and state government continues to show when it comes to clean, renewable energy policies", said Raacke. "This is tangible testimony that with determined advocacy and the right leadership, we can effect real and positive change. It just takes an awful long time."

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More information about the LI Offshore Wind Park, including a video about an offshore park in Europe can be found at

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