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Dear Mr Roger Kreja,

Thank you for your letter and interest in WHO's work on noise and health. I regret that I can only provide you some information in English. Please see below some relevant information regarding WHO documents on noise and health which might be useful for you.

First of all, please note that WHO has not issued any guidelines specific to wind turbine noise, and therefore the recommendation of distance of 2000 m of residential areas from the wind turbines does not come from WHO.

However, you may find such a recommendation on page 8 of "Noise Guidelines of Wind Farms" issued by the Ministry of Environment of Ontario, Canada, at the website:

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/stdprodconsume/groups/lr/@ene/@resources/documents/resource/std01079435.pdf>. For a recent report on health impacts of wind turbine noise, please see: http://www.mass.gov/dep/energy/wind/turbine_impact_study.pdf. Please note that the above two documents are not WHO publications and WHO never endorsed them.

Although it is not directly related to wind turbines, WHO published Night Noise Guidelines for Europe in 2009, which can be downloaded at the WHO website: www.euro.who.int/document/e92845.pdf, and guidelines on community noise, which can be downloaded at <http://www.who.int/docstore/peh/noise/guidelines2.html>.

I hope that this information can be of use to you.

Sincerely,

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