

Met Tower Radio Script

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Hi, this is _____. I'm an agricultural pilot with _____ and I would like to inform my neighbors and farming customers about a growing problem you may not be aware of—the risk that unmarked meteorological testing towers pose for low-level aviators.

Pilots of low-flying aircraft have to be aware of their surroundings at all times, but it's hard to avoid what you can't see. Meteorological towers, which monitor wind conditions for wind power development, are tall, thin, lightweight and portable—and at just under 200 feet, they do not need to be marked or lighted in most cases.

That's a huge problem for agricultural pilots, emergency medical helicopters, aerial firefighters, pipeline patrol planes and other low-level aerial operations. What makes unmarked towers so dangerous is they can pop up without warning overnight and are nearly invisible under some lighting or sky conditions.

Let's fix this flaw before it becomes a fatal one. Responsible development of wind power must include proper marking and lighting of testing towers. To learn more about the hazards of unmarked towers, visit AgAviation.org/towers.

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Let's Be Fair About Sharing the Air

Wind Turbine Radio Script

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Hi, this is _____. I'm an agricultural pilot with _____ and I would like to tell you about a growing problem you may not be aware of—the worrisome effects that some wind energy development is having on agriculture and low-level aviation.

I love my job, but “crop dusting” gets more challenging with every wind turbine project erected on America’s **[or your state’s]** farmland. Without careful planning in their placement, farmers could lose the option—and the advantage—of aerial spraying. This would detrimentally affect, in some cases, the only method farmers have available when the time comes to apply seeds, fertilizers and crop protection products necessary to foster crop growth.

Towers are one of the most dangerous obstacles an ag pilot encounters, but this is not just an aerial application concern, and it’s not just an aviation concern. Landowners are being asked to make crucial decisions that will impact farmers and their neighbors for years to come. If you are approached about leasing the wind rights to your property, please think seriously about the potential upsides and downsides before signing an agreement. To learn more about the impact of wind turbines on aviation and agriculture, visit AgAviation.org/towers.

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