

## NEWS ADVISORY

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### **Port Milwaukee Wind Turbine Reaches Energy Generation Milestone; *1-Million Kilowatt-hours of Renewable Electricity Produced Since 2012***

On Tuesday, Mayor Tom Barrett will mark an important milestone for Port Milwaukee's wind turbine. This month, the renewable energy source generated its 1-millionth Kilowatt-hour of electricity since going online at the end of February of 2012.

"We have reduced carbon emissions, demonstrated the capabilities of wind energy, and saved taxpayers tens-of-thousands of dollars," Mayor Barrett said. "By any measure, the Port's wind turbine has been a success."



The landmark Bay View wind turbine produces more electricity than the Port uses and eliminated electric bills for the Port's headquarters. Additionally, the excess electricity is sold to We Energies, producing a dividend to taxpayers of nearly \$53,000 since it went online.

The wind turbine installation and equipment were paid for, in large part, with a Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant which was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

How much electricity is 1-million kWhs produced during the life of the Port's wind turbine? That is enough electricity to supply all the demand for more than 18 average Wisconsin residential users. And, because it is a renewable energy source, it has kept approximately 1.3-million pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere.

#### **Mayor Barrett Marks the Port's Wind Turbine's 1-millionth kWh of Electricity**

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Time: Noon

Location: Port Milwaukee, 2323 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive