# The wind turbine tower collapsed

### Why did a wind turbine collapse?

In February,a wind turbine collapsed west of Cheyenne, Wyoming. That collapse occurred during an "arctic wave," when temperatures dropped to 1 degree below zero and a persistent fog could have led to surface icing. On February 25th, a 120-meter Vestas turbine fell in a field in Elkton, Michigan during a winter storm.

#### How common are wind turbine collapse accidents?

During the past decades, wind turbine tower collapse accidents have been frequently reported worldwide . Chou and Tu [26,28] conducted an in-depth investigation of tower failure, along with the lessons learned from a post-disaster inspection. ... ...

#### Where did the GE wind turbine collapse?

The blades and top portion of the wind turbine collapsed in Dodge County,near the town of Herman in southern Wisconsin. The GE turbine, which is part of the Butler Ridge wind farm, stands about 400 feet above the ground. The collapse was so massive that it caused nearby houses to shake.

#### What happened at Point Tupper wind farm?

On August 17,a wind turbine tower in the Point Tupper wind farm, Nova Scotia, Canada collapsed. The collapse of the tower is supposedly the first incident of its type in Canada although collapses have occurred in other countries. The 10 other E-82 turbines at the Point Tupper site, built in 2010, were not affected by the collapse.

#### Why did a Michigan wind turbine collapse?

The cause is still under investigation. That collapse followed one in Michigan on December 14 where the wind caused the turbine to spin out of controland eventually fall to the ground. The Michigan wind turbine supplied energy to the Northport Leelanau Township Water Treatment plant.

#### Did a wind turbine break off?

The turbine appeared to have broken offabout 60ft (18m) from its base. The tower had snapped in two and the blades were crushed in the fall. Dawn Walters, from Gilfach Goch, lives high up on the mountain side and can see the wind turbines from her house. " I woke at six in the morning and just heard a funny noise, like a motor, " she said.

A former study on wind turbine tower collapse incidences throughout the past 40 years revealed that among the various types the buckling failure was the most catastrophic as led to collapse ...

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Structural failure, including tower collapse and turbine damage, is the fourth largest type in the list accumulating 9.2% of the overall toll. Fig. 1 Failure type distribution of wind turbine incidents ...

On 29 September 2021, a N149/4.0-4.5 turbine almost completely collapsed in the 9MW wind park. The turbine was installed on a 164m hybrid tower in January and was commissioned on 11 March. Nobody was ...

3 71risk of structural collapse. In the final section, the lessons learnt from the study are given with the aim 72of contributing to improving the design and construction of wind turbine towers.

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5 ???· A General Electric (NYSE:GE) wind turbine has collapsed at the 74.8-MW Steele Flats complex in southeastern Nebraska, owned by NextEra Energy Resources LLC, the Beatrice Daily Sun said on Wednesday. The turbine tower ...

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Ed Hall, engineering leader, onshore wind, at GE Renewable Energy said the sequence of five collapses - three in the US and two in Brazil (see panel at foot) - had sparked a major response involving more than 100 ...



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