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Integrating Environmental Considerations into Wind Power Project Siting

Wind power has experienced tremendous growth in the U.S. over the past few years. Along with this dramatic increase in project development, competition for the "best" spots has locations. Wind power development companies must make strategic decisions regarding the sites in which they will invest. These decisions are driven by a number of technical and commercial factors. The industry is constantly improving its practices regarding pre-development siting, with the intent of identifying "fatal flaws" or comparing sites in order to prioritize them for investment. The presentation will discuss some of the approaches being taken for this pre-development siting, with a specific focus on the integration of environmental considerations into siting analysis. ■

Biographical Sketch

Mr. Hall is a Principal with Environmental Resources Management (ERM) in Houston, Texas, serving in the role of Managing Partner of ERM's Texas-Oklahoma business and Branch Manager for the Houston office. Todd has over 14-years experience in environmental consulting, focusing on environmental impact assessment, multi-media permitting, site planning and licensing, remediation and risk assessment. His primary expertise is in the energy sector, both domestically and internationally. Todd has provided strategic planning and prepared permit applications, license applications and Environmental Impact Assessments for petroleum refineries, petrochemical complexes, upstream oil and gas exploration and development projects, LNG terminals, gas pipelines, and wind power facilities. He is experienced in NEPA and International Best Practice impact assessment projects and has served as project engineer, project manager and program manager for refinery, chemical plant, and abandoned site investigation, risk assessment and remediation projects.