



## ASSOCIATION NAUÉ

To the attention of:

**Mr. Hubert O. Caloud**

Superintendant

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Oise-Aisne American Cemetery

02130 Seringes-et-Nesles

Coulonges-Cohan, January 23<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Memo " No to Industrial Wind Turbines at Coulonges-Cohan Municipality".

**Dear Mr. Caloud,**

A project for the implementation of 7 wind turbines is on course within Coulonges-Cohan municipality, above the hamlets of Party and Villomé (see map attached), close by the westbound D2 road Coulonges-Cohan / Fère-en-Tardenois, passing through the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery of Seringes-et-Nesles (zip code 02130 Fère-en-Tardenois).

The potential site will impact other municipalities such as Cierges, Dravegny, Fère-en-Tardenois, Goussancourt, Sergy, Seringes-et-Nesles, Vézilly.

In case the project of the building promoter NEOEN comes effective, the wind turbines would measure between 180 to 200 meters high.

For comparison, the bell tower of the famous Reims Cathedrale is only 80 meters high.

It is obvious to say that those wind turbines would definitively not only impact the hill and valley landscape but also the human life, the wildlife of various animals and birds and, moreover the strong historical memory of the county.

In this regard, the NGO NAUE (Non Aux Eoliennes) is putting forward all efforts to shut-down the NEOEN Coulonges-Cohan project before its implementation effectiveness.

### **Why NAUE is respectfully approaching the American Battle Monuments Commission?**

First of all, it is of utmost importance that the Commission is aware of the project which is 6 kms away from the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery of Seringes-et-Nesles.

Secondly, we consider that the potential wind turbines industrial site is an offence to the ardent US military historical memory.

Indeed,

- The wind turbines site would be located on/close by the Allied Counterattacks lands where the 4<sup>th</sup>, 32<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>th</sup> US Army Divisions distinguished themselves for the freedom of Coulonges and other municipalities (see attached slide on Edouard Ledoux).
- Not far away from the potential wind turbines site, is settled the village of Chamery, hosting with great honor Lt. Quentin Roosevelt's Fountain built up by Roosevelt family and, close by, the stele where he crashed.

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- Soon, Lt. Quentin Roosevelt's Museum, currently in Château-Thierry, will be transferred to Coulonges-Cohan municipality, showing its importance in the localization of the memory.

Accordingly, NAUE is not only defending the future life of hundreds of inhabitants of Coulonges-Cohan municipality and surrounding ones, but is protecting the nature and the biodiversity too, and moreover is keeping sacred the Memory of all the US soldiers who fought against the enemy during WW I, among which thousands unfortunately passed away, for the defense of freedom. It is a HERITAGE which can't be ignored, and at contrary needs to be highly protected forever.

We hope that these information's are helpful enough to draw your attention on why NAUE is against this project.

NAUE is looking forward in getting your support for the preservation of the History and the Memory of Coulonges-Cohan and other municipalities, including the Oise-Aisne American Cemetery of Seringes-et-Nesles, against the damages such a wind turbines project will definitively generate.

NAUE is thanking you, Mr. Caloud, as the American Battle Monuments Commission for your kind understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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