

Nantucket reaches \$10.5 million settlement with GE Vernova over wind turbine failure

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A fiberglass section of a wind turbine blade from the Vineyard Wind 1 project washes ashore in Nantucket in July 2024. (Town of Nantucket)

(WJAR) — The town of Nantucket announced it has reached a settlement with GE Vernova over the wind turbine failure on the Vineyard Wind project.

The \$10.5 million settlement will compensate the town and local businesses for the losses resulting from the [turbine blade detaching and entering the water](#) off Nantucket in July 2024.

According to town officials, the incident caused foam, fiberglass and other debris to scatter around Nantucket shores during the summer tourist season.

It prompted extensive cleanup at the beach.



Vineyard Wind turbine blade debris. (Nantucket Current)

Officials said the town will create a Community Claims Fund to provide compensation under the agreement.

Nantucket said it will hire a third-party administrator to look over the claims from local businesses and issue payments.

“Offshore wind may bring benefits, but it also carries risks—to ocean health, to historic landscapes, and to the economies of coastal communities like Nantucket, known worldwide as an environmental and cultural treasure,” Select Board member and former chair Brooke Mohr said.