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Wind tower up, now needs measuring devices

The wind monitoring tower at the old dump site off Route 6 near Shank Painter Road is up but wind measuring instruments have yet to be installed on it.

Bob Tegelaar, wind researcher for the New England Gas and Electric Association (NGEA), said he is waiting to hear from the contractors hired by the department of energy to fit the instruments to the tower. He said Monday that he hopes the instruments can be installed next week. Tegelaar is responsible for collecting the wind velocity data recorded by the instruments, which will be sent to the federal Department of Energy.

The tower is the first step in the application process for a federally-financed wind generator. The federal Department of Energy erected the tower last week. NGEA, a holding company that owns New Bedford Gas and Edison Light, the Cape's electric power supplier, is responsible for insuring it and gathering the data to send to the department of energy.

NGEA will train a man to change the magnetic tapes that will record the wind speeds. Wind velocity will be measured by anomometers that will be installed on the tower. Until the instruments are installed the tower cannot begin to gather data. Applications for wind generators are due next December. The department of energy likes to have a full year of wind data with the application. Provincetown is now missing out on recording strong winter winds.

