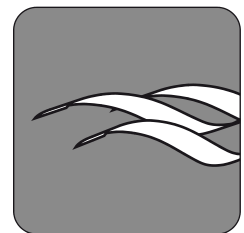
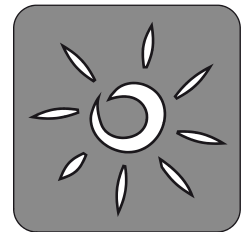
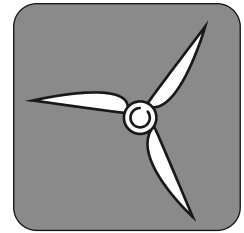


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## Foreword

For onshore wind energy, the EEG 2017 amended the reference yield method in addition to introducing tenders. With the switch from two-stage to single-stage reference yield method, the concept of site yield is also being redefined. The FGW has developed guidelines for determining the site yield of wind turbines (WT) in line with this new definition. These specifications relate on the one hand to determining the site yield before commissioning and on the other hand to determining the site yield after commissioning, which is necessary for the verification of the site quality, and they are to be applied to all wind turbines that are remunerated via the new, single-stage reference yield method. These Guidelines describe the procedure for verifying site quality after commissioning. According to the EEG 2017, EEG 2021 and EEG 2023, this verification must be carried out after five, ten and fifteen years.

The procedure developed by the FGW is based on the requirements of EEG 2017, EEG 2021 and EEG 2023, and is intended to be implemented in guidelines. These Guidelines are based on the specifications in Annex 2 of EEG 2017, EEG 2021 and EEG 2023.

Revision 3 of these Guidelines was prepared by the Expert Committee Operating Data & Site Yield. Changes and specifications compared to Revision 2 relate to data retention and duties of the operator under Chapter 2, the scope of validation of assignment lists under Chapter 3.4, status message assignment under Chapter 4.2, transfer of the EEG categories to the 10-minute data under chapter 4.4, plausibility testing under chapter 4.5, determination of the fictitious energy quantities generated by feed-in management and direct marketing as well as determination of the site yield under Chapter 6 and the report format under Chapter 8.

Starting from 1 July 2024, site quality after commissioning must be determined based on Revision 3.

These Guidelines are an English translation of a prior german version. In any case of distinction between both revisions.

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## Abbreviations used

BImSchG	Federal Immission Control Act ( <i>Bundesimmissionsschutzgesetz</i> )
DIBt	Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik
DIN	Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V. (German Institute for Standardisation)
EEG	German Renewable Energy Sources Act ( <i>Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz</i> )
EinsMan	Feed-in management
FGW e. V.	FGW e.V. - Fördergesellschaft Windenergie und andere Dezentrale Energien
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
HH	Hub height
NTF	Nacelle Transfer Function
REV	Reference yield method
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SG	Site quality (EEG quality factor)
TA-Lärm	Technical Instructions on Noise Abatement ( <i>Technische Anleitung zum Schutz gegen Lärm</i> )
TG	Technical Guidelines
WT	Wind turbine



## Symbols and units

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Unit</b>
$E_{Failure,WTi}$	Energy loss of $WT_i$ in the wind farm caused by unavailability	kWh
$E_{Feed-inMan,farm}$	Energy quantities not generated by feed-in management according to grid operator's accounts for the entire wind farm, billed via a common metering system	kWh
$E_{Feed-inMan,WTi}$	Energy quantities of $WT_i$ not generated by feed-in management in the wind farm	kWh
$E_{OV,farm}$	Energy quantities not generated by optimised marketing according to the direct marketer's accounts for the entire wind farm, billed via a common metering system	kWh
$E_{OV,WTi}$	Energy quantities of $WT_i$ not generated by optimised marketing in the $WT_i$ in the wind farm	kWh
$E_{Pro,WTi}$	Produced energy yield according to time-integrated power values of the 10-minute data for $WT_i$ in the wind farm	kWh
$E_{Prod\_scal,WTi}$	Scaled energy yield according to time-integrated power values of the 10-minute data for $WT_i$ in the wind farm	kWh
$E_{Meter,farm}$	Produced energy yield according to the grid operator's accounts for the entire wind farm, which is billed via a common metering system	kWh
$P$	Power of WT	kW
$P_{10min,WTi}$	Power values of $WT_i$ of the 10-minute data (SCADA data)	
$P_{10min\_scal,WTi}$	Power values of $WT_i$ of the 10-minute data (SCADA data) scaled using $SF_{Farm}$	
$P_{Rated}$	Rated power of WT	kW
$R$	Published reference yield (with the reference site conditions according to EEG) determined in accordance with TG 5 for the WT type and hub height under assessment	kWh
$SE_{y,WTi}$	Site yield (" <i>Standortertrag</i> ") of the $WT_i$ in the wind farm after $y$ years of operation	kWh
$SF_{Farm}$	Scaling factor	
$SG_{y,WTi}$	Site quality (" <i>Standortgüte</i> ") of the $WT_i$ in the wind farm after $y$ years of operation	%
$t_{Cat k}$	Total duration within the evaluation period in which EEG category $k$ (0, 1, 2, 3 or 4) applies	h
$v$	Wind speed	m/s
$y$	Last year of operation which the evaluation period refers to. Determination of site quality after $y$ years. ( $y = 5$ years; $y = 10$ years; $y = 15$ years)	

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## Terms and definitions

**10-minute data:** The following Guidelines use the term "10-minute data" for the averaging period, however, it is not intended to define 10 minutes as the only possible averaging period. Generally, the averaging interval of the SCADA system can be transferred if it is in the range of five to fifteen minutes. In contrast to the event/status log, these 10-minute data are a time series with continuous time stamps.

**Application of status message assignments:** Application of the relevant status message assignment, in order to assign the status messages available to the categories in accordance with Chapter 3.

**Assignment validation:** Successful validation of the categorisation and assignment of status messages in accordance with Chapter 3.4 and preparation of a certificate of conformity.

**Authorised person:** A person approved by the FGW Advisory Board "EEG Categorisation" to issue certificates of conformity.

**Certificate of conformity:** Assignment list published by FGW for which the correct assignment of EEG categories (Chapter 3) to operating states was proven by means of an assignment validation.

**Commissioning:** Definition in accordance with Section 3 No. 30 EEG 2017 [1] [1]: "[...] the first putting into operation of the installation following the establishment of its technical readiness for operation [...]; the technical readiness for operation presupposes that the installation has been installed firmly at the place envisaged for permanent operations and is permanently furnished with the necessary equipment for the generation of alternating current; the replacement of the generator or of other technical or structural parts following initial commissioning shall not alter the time of commissioning".

**EEG:** If not stated otherwise, these Guidelines refer to EEG 2017 [1] and the amended versions EEG 2021 [2] and EEG 2023 [3].

**Energy meter:** Value of the system-internal recording of the energy supply (e.g. meter installation or software calculation based on current, voltage, time).

**Evaluation period:** The evaluation period is 60 months. The first evaluation period ( $y = 5$ ) starts upon commissioning of the WT. The second evaluation period ( $y = 10$ ) starts at the end of the first evaluation period, and the third evaluation period ( $y = 15$ ) starts at the end of the second evaluation period.

**Event/Status log:** Automatically generated log of all system events, showing the start and end time of each event.

**Feed-in management:** The term "feed-in management" under these Guidelines refers to conditions

- that lead to operating restrictions resulting from regulations on active power output by the grid operator, e.g. in accordance with § Section 14 EEG 2017 [1] Feed-in management. This applies in particular to operating conditions whose failures are compensated for, for example, by Section 15 EEG 2017 [1] Hardship clause or otherwise (until September 2021)

as well as to conditions

- that lead to operating restrictions that were not produced resulting from regulations on active power output by the grid operator, e.g. pursuant to Section 13a (1) Energy Economy Law (*Energiewirtschaftsgesetz*, EnWG) or Section 14 (1) in conjunction with Section § 13a (1) EnWG [2], [3] (so-called Redispatch 2.0 since October 2021).

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**Fictitious quantity of electricity:** The term "fictitious quantity of electricity" is defined in EEG Annex 2 No. 7.2 [1] and describes the lost energy quantities that the system operator could have fed in. The term "energy quantity" is preferred in the following Guidelines.

**Operating condition information:** Information in the 10-minute data extending beyond the status message, which can add to or replace the status information under the conditions described in Chapter 4.4.

**Power curve set:** Day and night power curves of a WT belonging together (day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. according to TA Lärm [4]).

**Status message:** Entry in the event/status log

**Status message assignment:** An assignment of status messages to the categories defined in Chapter 3.

**Target power:** Potential power that the WT would have produced based on prevailing wind conditions and its current power performance.

**Test laboratory:** An institution accredited in accordance with DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 to determine the site quality after commissioning in accordance with FGW TG 10.

**Unvalidated status messages:** Status messages the assignment of which to the categories in Chapter 3 is not subject to a conformity assessment.

**Validated assignment list:** Assignment list of all status messages in the categories under Chapter 3 incl. exceptions under Chapter 4.4, for which a certificate of conformity exists.