

Excerpt from ETF Trends, September 1, 2015

<http://www.etftrends.com/2015/09/clean-energy-etfs-mother-nature-dampens-u-s-wind-industry/>

Clean Energy ETFs: Mother Nature Dampens U.S. Wind Industry

The wind industry and sector-related exchange traded fund are slowing down as a lack of high wind speeds keep turbines from turning out electricity.

The U.S. is experiencing some of the softest air currents in 40 years, which has caused electricity generated by U.S. wind farms to fall 6% over the first half of the year even as the country expanded wind generation capacity by 9%, reports....

....

Consequently, the low wind speeds could weigh on the wind industry, along with related ETFs. For instance, the **PowerShares WilderHill Clean Energy Portfolio (NYSEArca: [PBW](#))** and ... both include broad exposure to U.S. clean energy companies.

....

Some market observers argue that the lighter wind should be a catalyst for renewable energy investors to gain exposure in diverse places. Investors should look beyond a single firm or region in the nascent industry.

“You don’t want to have all your eggs in one basket,” ... , told CNBC. “You don’t want to be all in Texas and not have some mitigation strategy for when wind speeds are below average.”

Investors, though, can instantly diversify across the clean energy space through a broad ETF. For instance, PBW and ... include a range of alternative energy companies, including those engaged in solar photovoltaics, biofuels and advanced batteries.

Additionally, the ... and **PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio (NYSEArca: [PBD](#))** cover global clean energy companies.

....