From: Michele Linfante
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Subject: Fwd: POST smart meters, reported health concerns, increased cost/ little benefit, &safety & privacy issues.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 06, 2022 11:32:53 AM

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**Date:** September 5, 2022 at 5:19:33 PM PDT **Cc:** Joanna Claire <

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## Please post

**Are there any problems with Smart Meters?** Well, it appears that there are many problems with smart meters, and they include health concerns, increased cost for little benefit, as well as safety and privacy issues.

## Are there health concerns?

Health concerns are paramount for one doctors' organization. The American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) is concerned enough about potential health hazards from smart meter emissions to issue a <u>recommendation</u> for "patients with a broad array of illnesses":

The recommendation, which includes reference to 20 peer-reviewed studies showing biological harm from wireless technologies, indicates that patients with neurological, neurodegenerative diseases, genetic defects, cancer, and other conditions would benefit from avoiding pulsed RF radiation from smart meters. The AAEM recommends: that no Smart Meters be on these patients' homes, (and) that Smart Meters be removed within a reasonable distance of patients' homes...

The Consumers Digest <u>report</u> said "In helping to create the smart-meter industry, politicians from both parties have done what's **best for the industry rather than for consumers**." Here's what the report said about potential savings: "So far, smart-meter systems have produced **little energy savings** except in small and carefully controlled projects in which consumers have basically been spoon-fed on how to realize the maximum benefits. These projects have included time-of-use pricing and often include home-area networks that allow participants to monitor and control electricity use." [emphasis added]

Whatever the real reason for implementation of the smart meter program, is anyone concerned about the potential damage to health?

Costs compared to benefits were evaluated in a Consumers Digest <u>report</u>, January 2011, which suggested that "From a consumer's perspective, *the potential negative consequences outweigh the benefits in three critical areas:" Cost, Rate Changes, and Energy Savings*. [emphasis added] Increased costs include upfront charges for installation and use of smart meters as well as the potential cost of appliances and equipment designed to work with smart meters.

Read the whole article: <a href="http://www.realfoodhouston.com/2013/02/24/whats-the-problem-with-smart-meters/">http://www.realfoodhouston.com/2013/02/24/whats-the-problem-with-smart-meters/</a>



## What's the problem with smart meters?

Do you have a smart meter installed at your house? I do, and I've always disliked the fact that I had no choice about installation. Texas residents are not given a choice. Even though I do...

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