

Study: Wind farms killed 67 eagles in five years

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A new study by government scientists says wind energy facilities have killed at least 67 golden and bald eagles in the last five years, but the number could be much higher.

The research represents one of the first tallies of eagle deaths attributed to the nation's growing wind energy industry. A total of 85 eagles were killed at wind farms since 1997, the study concludes, but most of those occurred in 2008-2012. Most deaths—79—were golden eagles.

While the birds are protected by federal law, the Obama administration has yet to file criminal charges against a [wind energy](#) company for killing any [eagles](#).

A trade group, the American Wind Energy Association, said the figure was lower than other causes of eagle deaths.

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