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## Corrections needed in Gohmert/Ivanpah avian death article Pt. 2

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Dear Truth-O-Meter,

(Hitting send instead of insert image speaks poorly of my manual dexterity)

I'll also share Table 3 from the Sovacool paper to establish the immediate plausibility of what I'm telling you. Gleaning the rest will involve looking at Sovacool's footnotes.

**Table 3**

Assessment of avian mortality for fossil fuel power plants.

Component of fuel cycle	Explanation	Avian mortality (fatalities per GWh)
Coal mining	Bird fatalities from mountaintop removal and destruction of forests from coal mining	0.02
Plant operation	Bird collisions with coal power plant smokestacks, buildings, and cooling towers	0.07
Acid rain	Bird fatalities from acidification of soil and destruction of forests	0.05
Mercury	Bird fatalities from ingesting toxic mercury	0.06
Climate change	Bird fatalities from rapidly accelerating climate change	4.98
Total		5.18

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Sincerely,

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