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Learn about Silfab Solar Panels with this in-depth review along with its costs, installation and its pros and cons.

Silfab Solar panels are a great choice if you're looking to switch to solar power. They offer high-quality modules and have years of experience in the industry. Most of Silfab's products align with industry standards, but that doesn't mean they are run-of-the-mill panels.

York County Council members approved Silfab Solar's multimillion-dollar solar plant operation in Fort Mill. However, residents have concerns about the environment and increased traffic.

EnergySage has developed Silfab solar panel reviews for each metric to help make your solar decision easier. Based on EnergySage's analysis, Silfab solar panels are a smart choice for your money. Most Silfab panels are mid to mid-upper tier, as some have higher efficiency ratings and longer warranty offerings that put them a cut above more ...

Residents in Fort Mill are split on their support of the County Council's 4-3 vote this week to approve a multimillion-dollar solar panel operation in the area. Canada-based Silfab Solar plans to invest \$150 million in an existing building in Fort Mill where company officials say 800 jobs will be created.

Some residents have concerns about increased traffic and potential environmental problems. And much like concerns about a proposed lithium mine in Gaston County that would supply vital materials for electric vehicle batteries, the fight over the solar panel plant in Fort Mill illustrates how big-picture green energy goals can run up against local environmental concerns.

One neighbor is Wally Buchanan, a retired pastor and businessman who lives next door to the building on Highway 21 in York County where Silfab Solar is setting up its solar panel production operation.

"When we look out our back windows, we see the (Silfab) industry building," Buchanan said. "The family that used to own it, we were good friends and when the dad passed, they sold the land and the building has been there about two years. It was built to be a warehouse."

Buchanan lives on a two-acre plot with his wife, surrounded by nine other family members' homes on land his grandparents purchased in 1941 to run a farm. Now the formerly rural area has its own grocery store, a restaurant, car lots and other businesses. Buchanan says he's concerned about the increased traffic Silfab Solar will bring to the two-lane road leading to the facility. But Buchanan has a bigger concern.

"This company will handle hazardous materials, and we're afraid what will come out of the air," Buchanan



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said. "They couldn't guarantee us there won't be any spills and they want to use 1.7 million gallons of water a day. And after they rinse off those cells, they want to return it to Rock Hill as our drinking water, and no guarantee it will be safe and I'm afraid it will turn out like Camp Lejeune."

Buchanan is referring to the 1982 discovery that for more than 30 years, water on the Marine Corps base was contaminated with hazardous chemicals from dry cleaners and other sources.

Silfab could not be reached for comment, but they told York County Council officials during this week's meeting that they will run an environmentally safe operation. They say the millions of gallons of water solar panel production requires will be stripped of contaminants before it is released into the area's water system.

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