

**From:** Lisa Cunningham [dleecunningham@windstream.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2009 12:16 PM  
**To:** EP, RegComments  
**Subject:** proposed regulation for "outdoor wood-fired boilers"

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Environmental Quality Board,

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Sincerely,

Dewayne C. Cunningham  
2399 Lake Road  
Cochranton, PA 16314  
December 28, 2009

Environmental Quality Board  
P. O. Box 8477  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

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Or

express mail:  
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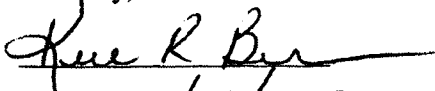
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Sincerely,

  
Date: 12/4/2009

Kevin R. Brown  
12 Ponderosa Lane  
Pine Grove Pa 17163

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**From:** maryfran8146@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2009 12:49 PM  
**To:** EP, RegComments  
**Subject:** Existing Outdoor Wood Furnace

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Sincerely,

Maryfrances Dobron  
29 Dec. 2009

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Date: 12/29/09

From: Chuck Latwinski [sir\_charles\_68@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 9:10 AM  
To: EP, RegComments

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Sincerely,

Charles B. Latwinski

RR4 Box 4628  
Montrose PA 18801

December 23, 2009

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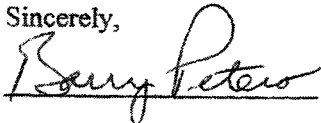
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Sincerely,



Date: 12-28-09

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**From:** Barry & Freda Peters [bpford@windstream.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2009 8:57 PM  
**To:** EP, RegComments  
**Subject:** Outdoor furnace Regulations  
**Attachments:** Outside furnace.jpg

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Attached is my letter of real concern for any type of regulations for outdoor furnaces.

Barry Peters  
email - [bpford@windstream.net](mailto:bpford@windstream.net)



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responsible manner. I am supportive of a state law requiring regulations for the new installations of outdoor wood-fired boilers going forward, but the regulations need to be reasonable.

Sincerely,

Daniel Wert

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**From:** Brown, Shelly [sbrown@pasen.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2009 3:23 PM  
**To:** EP, RegComments  
**Subject:** Outdoor Wood Furnace  
**Attachments:** Scan001.PDF

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I was asked to forward the attached complaint sheet to you on behalf of Kevin R. Brown, [kksbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:kksbrown@hotmail.com). His home address is included on the attached sheet. Thank you for your time.

Shelly Brown  
Executive Assistant  
Office of Senator Joe Scarnati  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** rm292-x7665-01@pasen.gov [mailto:rm292-x7665-01@pasen.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 23, 2009 10:23 AM  
**To:** Brown, Shelly  
**Subject:** Scan from a Xerox WorkCentre

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From: potterk@frontiernet.net  
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 11:15 AM  
To: EP, RegComments  
Subject: Outdoor Wood Furnance

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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I have chose to heat my home with an outdoor wood furnance for a number of good reasons:

- with the ever rising price of home heating oil, natural gas and LPG, heating with wood is an economical option for a small farm operator as myself.

-heating with wood is consistent with independent practices of Americans since the founding of our country.

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I am opposed to the excessive and retroactive requirements of the proposed regulation. If passed as currently written, I believe that the regulation will adversely impact my rights as a responsible operator of an outdoor wood furnance. I am supportive of a state law requiring existing furnance owners to have to comply with proper fuel use requirements and for regulations regarding new installations to be reasonable.

Sincerely,

Keith Potter  
Warfordsburg, PA  
12/23/09