

Environmental Quality Board
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Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

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Rachel Carson State Office Building 16th Floor
400 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

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

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- Excessive chimney height requirements for existing and new furnace installations that are not based upon science.
 - Excessive chimney height requirements are costly (parts and height determination), time consuming and may prevent a large number of owners from being able to comply.
- Seasonal prohibition between May 1 and September 30. A statewide seasonal restriction for rural owners, people with their own wood lots, farming operations, greenhouse operations is unreasonable.
- Opacity requirements for residential sized appliances because opacity is a subjective visual observation.
- *Many homes in Pa are heated with wood stoves, same difference as outdoor burner*

While it is foreseeable that furnace owners creating verifiable nuisances need to increase their chimney to alleviate complaints, it is unreasonable for the Pa DEP to retroactively impose restrictions (with the exception of proper fuel use) on my existing outdoor wood furnace. My appliance was purchased, installed, and operated in good faith prior to the drafting of the regulation.

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 and the rights of existing outdoor wood furnace owners that use these appliances in a responsible manner. I am supportive of a state law requiring existing furnace owners to have to comply with proper fuel use requirements and for regulations regarding new installations to be reasonable.

Sincerely,

Terry H. Hasselman

Date: 1/2/9/09

Woodburners, fireplaces & outdoor wood burner all use wood as fuel. They have been around 100's of years in Pa.

Dear Legislator Gene Yaw

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I am requesting that you act now to assist me to preserve my rights and the rights of existing outdoor wood furnace owners in the State of Pennsylvania by opposing the excessive and retroactive requirements of the proposed regulation. I am supportive of a state law requiring existing furnace owners to have to comply with proper fuel use requirements and for regulations regarding new installations to be reasonable.

Please submit comments to the EQB no later than January 4, 2009 in support of my position. Written comments should be submitted to: Environmental Quality Board, P. O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477 (express mail: Rachel Carson State Office Building, 16th Floor, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301). Comments submitted via email should be sent to RegComments@state.pa.us. You should also attend the four scheduled public hearings to voice your concern (visit <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol39/39-42/1929.html> for details on locations, times and dates).

Please act now to help preserve my rights to heat with wood in a responsible, economical and safe manner.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Hanselman

Date: 12/9/09

Many Pa homes are heated with woodstoves. are you going to place limitations on them also?

Dear Legislator Russell H. Farnchild,

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Date: 12/9/09

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From: Terry Hanselman [thanselman@bop.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 12:49 PM
To: EP, RegComments
Subject: Outdoor WOOD Furnaces Title 25 & 123 Comments
Attachments: EQB Title 25.pdf; YAW Title 25.pdf; Fairchild Title 25.pdf; Corman Title 25.pdf

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Environmental Control Board,

Please vote no to Title 25 and title 123 pertaining to Outdoor wood burners. If Legislation is going to regulate Outdoor wood Burners, then indoor burners such as Fire Places, Wood Stoves, BBQ's grills also need to be regulated. Wood burning fuels for heat in PA has been tradition for 100's of years. Please read my attached objections to these changes. Thank you, Terry

Terry L. Hanselman
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