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[25 PA.CODE.CHS. 121 AND 123]
Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers
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I have read the 12 page proposal and have some viable concerns. I do understand that there are concerns in residential areas where neighbors are close in proximity, but this proposal should not be a "one size fits all".

My outdoor furnace has been in place for over 4 years now, and I have never once received a complaint from anyone, nor have heard of any complaints indirectly. The unit is approximately 160 feet from my 3 story, 155 year old house in Winfield and the closest neighbor is over 500' away from the unit. I do not live in a 'town setting', therefore feel the proposed stack height regulation is ill-warranted. If your proposed stack height regulations go into effect, who will pay to raise mine to a height of 50+ feet? I certainly don't have funding to do this. Doesn't anyone on the PA Environmental Quality Board know that we're still in a recession?

Furthermore, if I decide to upgrade in the future to a Phase 2 model, how would I be able to sell my existing model? The federal government initiated a "Cash for Klunkers" for inefficient automobiles. Am I to assume that you're going to take the same approach for this outdoor furnaces?

Remember, one size does not fit all. Let the local municipalities pass judgement against those who they deem are not considerate neighbors.

I understand the underlying reasons and situations leading up to this proposal, the pros and the cons. I also understand that Pennsylvania is part of a Democratic nation, which is why I ask the EQB to take into consideration the concerns in this email.

Thank you.

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