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REGARDING OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED BOILERS

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Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

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I am sending this letter to communicate my thoughts on the regulation of outdoor wood-fired boilers by the Department of Environmental Protection.

I believe these boilers on private property are just that—private. I do not feel this type of energy production to heat private dwellings should be under the scope of the DER.

The DER should be concerned with larger issues such as Marcellus Shale gas wells and the use of flaring in the stages of production of these wells.

While on the subject of the DER, this organization should also be concerned with existing regulations and keep busy dealing with coal and other industries that routinely wreak havoc on the environment. It has been my experience that they often are more on the side of the industries they should control rather than on the private property owners and others that they should protect.

Sincerely,
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