

Proposed Rulemaking
EPA Code CHS. 121 & 123J
Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers
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To whom it may concern;

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
COMMISSION

It has come to my attention that the Environmental Board of the Commonwealth of Pa. is intent on banning outdoor wood-fired boilers using restrictions that most Pennsylvania constituents would be unable to afford or comply with.

These rules & regulations might be applied to big city areas but rural property owners should be able to use alternative means to heat their homes. With utility bills skyrocketing as well as natural gas prices and at a time when our country is trying NOT to depend on foreign oil, it makes sense to use our own renewable fuel source wood, found in abundance growing on the mountainsides in the PA wilds!

These proposed regulations will infringe on our lives from both a financial & personal freedom aspect. And I find it ridiculous that the DEP, EPA and the Environmental Quality Board are trying to control how we can burn wood on our own property.

Let the townships & municipalities make & apply these rules & regulations first before enforcing a blanket law upon the entire state. It makes more sense to let local government rather than the State regulate this issue.

Government continues to take away more and more personal freedoms. What's next? Regulating camp fires? Regulations on heating hunting camps and cabins?

It seems to me, this piece of legislation was proposed & heavily lobbied for by the public utility companies, i.e. ... PPL & natural gas, who are losing profits. THAT, I suggest, is their main objection to OWRB's.

How would our forefathers have ever managed to build this country and stayed warm during the winter months without burning wood?

Thank you for your time + consideration with this matter.

Sincerely,

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