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Re: Proposed Rulemaking [25 PA. Code CHS. 121 and 123] Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers

Dear Board:

Please do NOT proceed with your proposed rulemaking regarding outdoor wood-fired boilers. I believe this would be unacceptable for our Commonwealth for the following reasons:

1. Wood is a renewable fuel that has been safely used since the beginning of recorded history.
2. Wood does not harm the environment. Fossil fuels DO harm the environment. Wood does not add greenhouse gasses to the environment.
3. The proposed regulation was prepared using grossly flawed data.
4. This regulation will damage the economy of Pennsylvania by killing jobs, and by increasing the heating cost of many homeowners by over 400 percent.
5. The Commonwealth consists primarily of heavily-wooded, rural areas. It makes no sense to burden the citizens of our entire Commonwealth with a rule that really only applies to densely populated areas that constitute a tiny portion of the Commonwealth. We believe that any needed regulation should be left to local municipalities. Accordingly, we recommend that the Board NOT adopt the proposed, or any regulation of OWBs. Such regulations can be easily managed by local municipalities of densely populated areas.

I do not heat my home with a wood boiler system but know many who do and with this regulation many people could not afford the high cost of heating their homes in other ways. We are country people who are educated and choose to live in rural areas, we depend on the renewable fuels - we are conservationist and take good care of the land, our proper forest management practices are important to us and we know that using the trees that are dead for our heat is in the best interest of our wooded areas allowing for new growth of young saplings and should be utilized by the property owner with out these crazy restrictions. I believe this is yet another way to tax the people making our life more burdensome and I am against this regulation especially because I did not vote nor have the option of voting for an Environmental Quality Board and do not believe you should be justified to make laws that I must abide by. I understand your place but believe you have over stepped your position- you are not law makers.

Thank you.
Christine J. Greig