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To whom it may concern,

First, everyone that is involved in this decision should be educated on the actual use of an OWB. It is not like an in-house wood stove that smokes all the time from an open draft system. It smokes only when the blower is on.

Second, the rules for an OWB in the city should not be the same as for an OWB in a rural community. A person installing an OWB in the city is only asking for trouble and rural land owners with acreage and burning the trees that grow on their own property shouldn't have to follow the same rules just because someone is smoking up the town with all houses within 50 feet of one another.

Third, like the clean and green rules, a person with 10 plus acres should not be included in the town or city rules because one would only believe the space between each house exceeds the 500 foot limit.

Fourth, maybe each municipality should be enforced to issue permits so that each installer is responsible to ensure that it is done properly. If each municipality is involved then it may put a stop to the individuals that years ago had a OWB and now are complaining. They would be reminded of their past use of an OWB and their complaints would be put to bed instead of using taxpaying money for the DEP to investigate their complaints.

Fifth, I truly believe that each OWB user in a rural community didn't install this efficient and cost saving method which costs a total of \$10,000 plus dollars to install meant to cause such a nuisance to be now told that they can not heat their hot water or pools in the summer months. This issue became public from largely populated areas like Oil City and it is sad that rural landowners are going to be affected. If someone in a rural community is complaining then they should move to the city where exhaust fumes are at their highest and be happy.

I am having a hard time figuring out what is the difference between a camp fire in your back yard burning yard debris and using an OWB during the summer months. The only conclusion I can come up with is: one using an OWB in the summer months has a logical reason like heating their hot water or swimming pool and one lighting a camp fire is only causing smoke for no logical reason. Smoke is Smoke isn't it ????????

Sincerely,
Diana Hoffman