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To The Environmental Quality Board:

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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RE: Regulation on Out door wood fired heaters

I think this board can solve this problem by simply putting themselves in our shoes. Imagine what a feeling knowing everyday your neighbor's wood boiler is taking a little bit more of your life from you. Whether a neighbor slowly kills you or forces you to move leaving your home. This is what has been going on not only in PA but other northern states as well. I understand that these people who have purchased these heaters have a substantial investment. Is the investment in our homes not greater than a neighbor's new heating source to heat his home? I feel these regulations cater to the operators of the heaters more than the general public.

Although I feel the word "ban" should not be used, short of not allowing any heating device that emits as much pollution as these outdoor furnaces, which I support, the only solution, is to remove all the existing older units. Would a happy medium be making all existing units upgrade to an EPA Phase II 0.32lbs of PM2.5 per MM/BTU's with a limit of 8 -10 grams per hr. Simply stating "Phase II" is very vague and also not very clean since some of the models tested still remove oxygen from the fire during the burn cycle which is the core of the problem. If all these heaters were simply Phase II's we would still have a lot of problems.

I also feel the regs are missing the most important thing which is nuisance provisions. If one of these heaters is causing problems it should be shut down!

I do not feel any outdoor furnace Phase II or not, should be operated when people's windows are open, even if the windows are open a short time as is the case in April. I think April 15 is a good date to shut them down until either Oct 15 or Nov. 1.

Thank You.

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