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Environmental Quality Board,

My husband and I own and use consistently an outdoor furnace to heat our old farmhouse built in 1890 and to heat our water. We have a 100-acres of land with lots of trees. We never burn anything but wood; our furnace doesn't even have a grate that enables us to burn coal. Moreover, we never ever burn garbage in the furnace.

There are many, many responsible owners of outdoor furnaces in our Jefferson County, Henderson Township area.

Our attractive Central Boiler furnace, installed in 2005, saves us thousands of dollars, and it is not a pollutant.

If you want to take some serious action to save our PA environment, then look more closely at the Marcellus Shale drilling craze. That process uses millions of gallons of our state's water, it is damaging a layer of the earth that we will not be able to repair, and the drilling is seriously damaging the water supplies of families and towns that live in the areas where drilling occurs.

We all know money is the bottom line, but your group is supposed to be about the environment, too. We understand that there are outdoor furnace users who burn materials that create smelly waste in the air, and we encourage you to address that problem.

But woodburners are not a threat. Please regulate responsibly the right dangerous practices in our state.

Sincerely, Gloria Kerr, Ph.D.
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