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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 - Fossil fuels DO.
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.

The government has spent countless amounts of dollars on ways to conserve energy, so why are the owners and potential owners of outdoor wood burners being punished for conserving fossil fuels? This would be like taxing people who have solar panels and wind turbines to conserve the energy used in their homes. If densely populated areas are the reason for this regulation, then these areas should be the only ones to be the cause for precautions.

Also, if the owners of outdoor wood burners are going to be taxed, why is there not any concern for the home owners that use an indoor wood burner? Do these not cause the same "detrimental damage" that outdoor wood burners cause?

I highly suggest that this NOT be put into effect.

Thank you.

John Hoch