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Please do whatever can be done to have outdoor wood boilers dismantled.

We have lived here for 31 years with no problem, have a fireplace and at one time had a wood stove, not we are not "tree huggers".

Someone installed an outdoor wood boiler last winter, less than 200 ft. from us, and across the road. It is in a residential section.

We live near the Delaware River, so we believe that the winds from the river bring the horrors of the the wood boiler to our fenced back yard, our porch and inside our home.

I have been very sick since the beginning of October when the thing was lit. I have been diagnosed with pneumonitis, and acute bronchitis. Things get worse after dark, on weekends and holidays.

There is a tall stack on the wood boiler, so it doesn't look like a huge amount of smoke.

But walking into my porch late at night is like walking into a burning building, it just isn't visible smoke. We are getting the fumes and particulate and it is horrible. It takes my breath away, and I can't even take the trash outside.

Our lives have been wrenched away from us, we can't enjoy the inside of the house, or our porch or yard. We will be forced to move after 31 years. And what do we tell a prospective buyer- "On, by the way, be prepared for a near constant assault of reeking creosote and smoldering wood, oh, and don't try to open a window if it's warm, and oh, yes, you will get very sick like we are. Have a dog? well be prepared for it's fur to reek of fumes when she comes inside. and you can watch her gag, blow out of her nose, and paw at her snout."

We have sinus infections (I've never had one before in my life) and I get severe headaches when the fumes come. I have to use a steroid inhaler and a rescue inhaler.

I don't think I will ever get better, and no one cares, We have contacted the township- the construction code officer issued the permit- a state assemblyman, the DEP, the Salem County Board of Health and more.

And as I sit here typing this I am getting sicker and sicker because I have a window that leaks air right next to me. My heater (yes, I pay for oil) seems to pull the fumes in from outside. I have had to get out of bed in the middle of the night at times, and shut the heat off to try to stop fumes from seeping in. I have had to go out in 30 degrees and ride around in my car with the air conditioner on, just to be able to breathe.

The owner of the OWB says that he was "going green" and paid \$14,000 for the OWB.

Around here it doesn't seem to be poor people buying these things, but mostly people involved in owning construction businesses. We have begged him to shut it off, but he hides behind his answering machine and ignores us. The construction code official was very rude to me when I said I had a problem with the OWB, and I was verbally attacked.

He was practically screaming at me, saying that it is exactly the same as a wood stove, how did I know it was the OWB, and that there are people burning trash in my neighborhood. We live in a town of 13,000 people. Why after 31 years do I suddenly have a serious problem with fumes?j The only difference is the OWB was added.

It seemed like blessed relief when I went to buy my Christmas tree, I was between DuPont and several truck stops at the tree lot, and the air seemed so clean. Then I had to come home to reeking creosote that makes the air

feel heavy and I can almost taste it in my mouth.

The board of health refused to come out at 3am, like I was told they would. My throat was like sandpaper, my voice raspy, my head throbbing, and I was told NO. I was struggling to breathe and laying next to an air cleaner because the fumes were so bad.

Please, listen to peoples complaints about OWB's, They are very serious. I think I am slowing be killed by the OWB, I get multiple symptoms whenever it is lit, which is nearly always. My husband has a hacking cough, and has missed work because of illness from the fumes.

I am a breast cancer patient, in remission for a year and a half. 65 years old, not supposed to be exposed to second hand smoke, but I am being killed by burning wood and whatever else is burnt in the killing machine. His soaking wet wood sits outside uncovered.

No I don't live in PA, but please, someone do something to have these things torn down, never to be put up again in any form. I can't believe that in 2010 I am begging for relief from smoldering wood and burning creosote. My medical bills are mounting, and I can't get better,

Please, someone stop these things from being made. There are numerous videos on you tube touting how great they are. A man in Vineland, NJ is selling them, bragging that they are the cleanest burning fuel there is, and that you only need to get a permit for a yard shed. A man with the state DEP told me that they are a nightmare in N. Jersey, with people burning tires and anything they can find. All I have heard is that the legislation hasn't kept up with the manufacturing of the OWBs.

Maybe PA can set a good example for NJ, someone needs to.

Thank you.

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