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Yes there should absolutely be seasonal prohibitions. They should be from when people open their windows to let in some fresh air after a long winter season, which is in April.

If these boilers are hazardous and I think we have undeniably come to that conclusion already, then aren't we simply saying that you will still be being poisoned but you won't know it as much by leaving all these old units grandfathered in, but with a taller plume. If something is hazardous and they should never have been using it to begin with then why are we saying after the fact that its o.k.. Its not like a building code, where something is built, then the code changes, so the building is grandfathered in. I feel leaving these original boilers with their primitive engineering to keep blasting all this toxic smoke is going to be a big mistake.

I don't think it's fair if a borough feels that something that is 5 -10 times more polluting than a wood stove, even if it is a Phase 2, they want to **not** allow any outdoor Hydronic heater to be operated within the borough the, state should let them. These regs need a clause that states a town or borough can go above and beyond if they choose. My daughter lives in Greencastle and they have had their share of wood boiler problems and decided to stop letting people use them until it is obvious they are safe or the EPA gives guidance other than the silly voluntary program.

As far as setbacks for the new installs I think they should be a MINIMUM of 150 ft, don't stop at 150 if more can be achieved. As far as the original ones go, once again I think it is going to be a big mistake to just let them keep blasting, but if that were the case shouldn't they move them back 500 ft from a property line if their gong to keep them?

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