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Environmental Quality Board
Attn: Rachel Carson
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Subject: Outdoor Wood Boiler Regulations

I attended the DEP meeting in Williamsport and listened to many comments that were not of correct factual information. We have looked at several studies of the adverse medical problems caused by OWB's.

It is so important to guarantee clean air to our residents. Your proposed regulations are exactly on track. It is especially important to locate the boilers a minimum of 150 feet from the nearest property line and have the stack at least two feet above the highest residential peak. If a boiler cannot meet these regulations, they should not be allowed to continue to operate. Dry wood, properly stored, is also important. No existing OWB should be grandfathered in. It must meet the new regulations. Local borough and township regulations will not work. Local officials do not have the knowledge, time or monitoring equipment to do the job.

This is so important to our health.

Sincerely,



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