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Dear Sir/Madam I have just became aware of proposed regs that will affect my existing phase 2 residential boiler. The proposed regs are not practical and impossible to comply with in my situation. If passed, the new regs will not allow me to use my boiler and result in a \$20,000.00 loss. It appears that DEP is not aware of central boiler e-classic which when used properly emits NO SMOKE. the smoke is incinerated like your cars catalytic converter. The blanket regs are unfair to people like myself that purchased and installed at great expense the best boiler I could buy, based on the existing DEP regs in 2008.

PLEASE CONSIDER SPECIFIC BOILERS AS EXEMPT(CENTRAL BOILER E CLASSIC) AND/OR PRE EXISTING BOILERS THAT WERE INSTALLED BASED ON EXISTING DEP REGS THAT WERE RELIED ON IN GOOD FAITH.

thank you larry tornetta 610-842-6950

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Dear Legislator

Carsen F.

I have chosen to heat my home with an outdoor wood furnace for a number of good reasons:

- With the ever changing price of home heating oil, natural gas and LPG, heating with wood is an economical option – a furnace owner that heats with wood in an outdoor furnace can save thousands of dollars a year on home, farm and small business heating costs.
- Heating with wood is consistent with the independent practices of Americans from as far back as colonial times.
- Heating with an outdoor wood furnace eliminates the risks of fires and carbon monoxide poisoning associated with an indoor heating system because the appliance is located outside. Every year literally thousands of homes are damaged or destroyed by fires caused by indoor heating devices.
- Heating with wood results in no net increase in global warming gas emissions. Heating with oil, coal and natural gas is a significant source of global warming gas emissions.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has proposed a regulation for "outdoor wood-fired boilers" that has the potential to impact my ability to continue utilizing my existing appliance. I am strongly opposed to:

- Excessive chimney height requirements for existing and new furnace installations that are not based upon science.
  - Excessive chimney height requirements are costly (parts and height determination), time consuming and may prevent a large number of owners from being able to comply.
- Seasonal prohibition between May 1 and September 30. A statewide seasonal restriction for rural owners, people with their own wood lots, farming operations, greenhouse operations is unreasonable.
- Opacity requirements for residential sized appliances because opacity is a subjective visual observation.

While it is foreseeable that furnace owners creating verifiable nuisances need to increase their chimney to alleviate complaints, it is unreasonable for the Pa DEP to retroactively impose restrictions (with the exception of proper fuel use) on my existing outdoor wood furnace. My appliance was purchased, installed, and operated in good faith prior to the drafting of the regulation.

I am requesting that you act now to assist me to preserve my rights and the rights of existing outdoor wood furnace owners in the State of Pennsylvania by opposing the excessive and retroactive requirements of the proposed regulation. I am supportive of a state law requiring existing furnace owners to have to comply with proper fuel use requirements and for regulations regarding new installations to be reasonable.

Please submit comments to the EOB no later than January 4, 2009 in support of my position. Written comments should be submitted to: Environmental Quality Board, P.O. Box 8477, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477 (express mail: Rachel Carsen State Office Building, 16th Floor, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301). Comments submitted via email should be sent to [RegComments@state.pa.us](mailto:RegComments@state.pa.us). You should also attend the four scheduled public hearings to voice your concerns (visit <http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/y0839/39-42/1929.html> for details on locations, times and dates).

Please act now to help preserve my rights to heat with wood in a responsible, economical and safe manner.

Sincerely,



Date: 1-4-10

P. O. BOX 8977  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Or

express mail:  
Rachel Carson State Office Building 16th Floor  
400 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101-2301

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Email: [RegComments@state.pa.us](mailto:RegComments@state.pa.us)

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I am opposed to the excessive and retroactive requirements of the proposed regulation. If passed as currently written, I believe that the regulation will adversely impact my rights and the rights of existing outdoor wood furnace owners that use these appliances in a responsible manner. I am supportive of a state law requiring existing furnace owners to have to comply with proper fuel use requirements and for regulations regarding new installations to be reasonable.

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