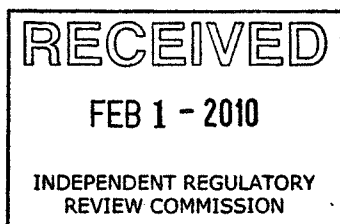


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Re: DEP Public Input Hearing
Outdoor Furnaces

To Whom It May Concern:

Let me preface my letter by saying I'm 62 years old, farmed and worked construction for 40 years. I have and am not afraid to "sniff" some smoke and dust, but these outdoor furnaces are the nth degree of a nuisance!

I was surprised to read of a fifth Public Hearing on "Regs" for outdoor furnaces. Somehow our local paper never carried any reports at all on the subject until now. That paper being the Huntingdon, Pa. "The Daily News".

My wife and I couldn't be more delighted that regulations be imposed! We have suffered for 10 years + breathing particulates from our neighbor's inferno/incinerator/outdoor furnace. Anything that fit in it including demolition waste, truck loads of catalogs, creosoted telephone poles (you should taste that in your mouth when our house was surrounded as if in a cloud!), smoldering wet pine, low grade coal, household garbage, plastics or any disgusting thing he wanted rid of, he burns. Many of the above mentioned items contain known carcinogens.

I am beyond the 150ft. property line restriction line you are talking about, but the smoke trail, at times, travels around my farmhouse and continues for a mile plus, what doesn't seep through the windows. We can't open windows all summer.

The outdoor furnace that I am describing wouldn't fit on that property with the 150 ft restriction. So what I am trying to reinforce is that there should be no wiggle room or grandfathering of your regulations.

If there somehow are modifications to your "Regs", please do not relax the particulate. If shorter stacks are allowed they should have some kind of a precipitator on them to burn stack gas hotter and remove particulate.

This is very upsetting to us to live 24/7 with this contraption near us. We have awakened every morning for years with our sinuses plugged when before we had no problem. We had complained to local governments and our Representatives office without relief, unless they motivated you?

Although unlikely and perhaps unrealistically I wish outdoor furnaces could be banned altogether. There are a number of them in our area; the valley looks like the medieval ages with smoke lingering for miles!

I am all for your regulations. If these regulations pass please make sure that there are firm provisions for enforcement.

Sincerely,


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