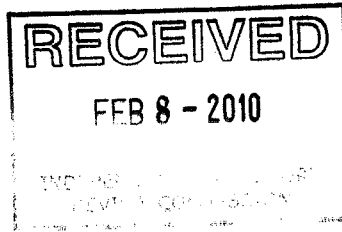


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Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 8477
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RE: proposed new rules for outdoor wood-fired boilers

Dear Environmental Quality Board:

I wanted to make some comments, suggestions on the proposed new rules for outdoor wood-fired boilers. I do not have an outdoor wood-fired boiler. I live in northwestern Pennsylvania.

I feel that this is not a good time to make stricter rules on heating a person's home with wood. Most residents are struggling to heat their homes, purchase food, utilities, pay taxes, find jobs in Pennsylvania.

I think that the PA DEP should focus more time on approving natural gas well drilling in Pennsylvania. If there was more natural gas available, then you could approve more natural gas pipelines in rural Pennsylvania. Then, Pennsylvania residents could have the option for natural gas heating and make the switch from wood heat. Currently most rural homes do not have access to natural gas supply.

I also think that there should be more Pennsylvania energy credits for home owners to go with solar, wind, and other "green" energy. (although, bio-mass is considered a green energy & it is basically pulp wood (same as firewood) .

Thank you for your time.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Custead".