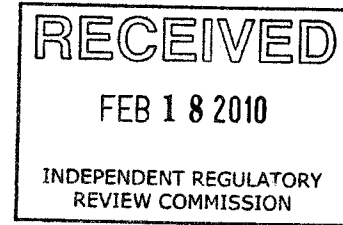


From: snowmobilj@frontiernet.net
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 7:27 AM
To: EP, RegComments
Cc: snowmobilj
Subject: Concern for air quality



To Whom It May Concern,
We understand how important our air quality and water quality are for our daily living. We agree that there needs to be more research done and also stricter regulations.
HOWEVER
WE live in Potter County.
WE have no close neighbors.

Our house is on the property line as that is the only location that would be possible for the house.

We located our outside wood burning furnace in a place where the smoke would blow away from our house and we have no neighbors within 1/2 mile for the smoke to directly affect.

We installed an outdoor wood furnace as other heating possibilities were too expensive. We have a newer house with radiant floor heat and maximum insulation. We have no pensions and very little retirement but within a few years if not sooner we will not be working and we do have our own renewable energy, a forest, to use to heat our house and get us through the winters. Therefore our cost will be our own hard labor to cut and bring the wood to the wood stove. Believe me the hard labor is not a choice, if we had money to spend on heating the house or cheaper heat, it certainly would be a choice over the hours we spend every year cutting the wood up, moving it and stacking it.

When we lived in Chester County we had a coal stove in the house to keep us warm and I still feel that was a damage to our kids health as it polluted the air in the house and the danger of fire was always there. Our walls always had a film on them. Here there is no danger of fire to the house, we do not bring in dirty wood with bugs and other molds.

We can NOT abide by the regulations you want to pass. You want to change what we now have. To change we would not be able to heat our house at all. The cost of a new boiler at this point would not be affordable for us. To move it, now that would be a laugh and very costly. Not only costly but it would be located below us, lower down the mountain and then all the smoke would come directly to our house therefore bringing all that to us to breath. You would be hurting us instead of helping.

I know you can not see pollutants and I understand what you are trying to do. I feel you are moving in a direction that should be looked at seriously but for those of us that do not fit into your little hole, this will be disastrous. Financially and health wise.

If we had to give up our wood stove, then in order to pay for our heat we would have to give up having enough food to eat and as we get older and require more medical attention, we would have to choose heat over medical. This is a very poor area of PA and you have no idea how these people live until you move up here. People take on more than one job to support their families or they travel like my husband does to find work. My husband is gone months at a time to work over 300 miles from here. Believe me, I am 60 years old and it is not my choice to fill that wood stove, but a necessity.

WE drive a hybrid, we recycle everything, We conserve, electric and our water. We live on the little we have but have no extras to really cut. WE do not make extra trips to the store unless we have to. Ecology is very important to us.

Please do NOT do a one shoe fits all regulation!!!!!! What is good for a person in town will not work for us, up here on the top of a mountain.

Raising the smoke stack is not an option moving the wood stove is not an option Buying a new burner is not an option.

Please support us and let the local governments work with their towns and municipalities, or at least come up and visit and see what you are dealing with up here in Potter County. Not just the towns but understand there are those of us that have no neighbors and no extra money to make the changes.

Yes, do work with the companies to make the changes there, for the future.

Again I reiterate, please do NOT pass the regulations you have proposed as they are, please do not make us choose between heating our house and food or medicine and doctors.

Please reconsider

Sincerely

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