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Re: Outdoor Wood Fired Boilers proposed rulemaking

Dear EQB,

I strongly support the adoption of the rules on outdoor wood-fired boilers, as they are proposed. We need to reduce the fine particle emissions and the health and nuisance problems (smoke, odors) associated with outdoor wood-fired boilers (OWBs).

It is important to require that OWBs use cleaner fuels, and it is essential to regulate the users, sellers, manufacturers, and installers of OWBs.

Dauphin, Cumberland, and many other counties are designated as nonattainment for fine particulate standards. This puts us at greater risk for asthma, respiratory, and cardiovascular disease. We have been working hard to reduce the diesel particulate emissions from truck traffic. We need to reduce the particulate emissions from outdoor wood-fired boilers: a single small OWB can emit almost 1.5 tons of particulate matter each year into the air we all must breathe.

Persons should not be allowed to install OWBs if they do not qualify for the Phase 2 standards (90 % cleaner than pre-program units.) Finally, I think that OWBs should be prohibited from operating from May through September, as they are not as necessary for home heating then, and this is a period when we already have many episodes of unhealthy air quality.

Sincerely,

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