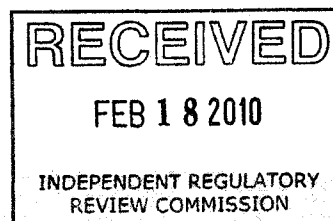


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I strongly agree; OWBs should be banned.

Atty Gen of CT calls for ban on OWBs

"Outdoor Wood Boiler furnaces are a major and malignant menace, causing whole neighborhoods not only sore eyes and throats, but serious chronic respiratory illnesses like bronchitis and pneumonia. They burn wood at relatively low temperature, emit huge smoke amounts close to the ground and send millions of small soot particles into the air. They have met no federal standards for safety and health.

Complaints have dramatically proliferated as these furnaces become more prevalent -- more homeowners burning wood in outdoor furnaces to avoid higher cost oil or natural gas in tough economic times. Homeowners have no right to pollute their neighborhoods -- raising risks of serious disease requiring inhalers and steroids and other common medical treatment.

"These outdoor wood-burning furnaces are drastically different from indoor woods stoves, which are certified under federal standards. Without a complete ban of these devices, there is really no way to protect the health of citizens in each state. Wood smoke has some of the same components as cigarette smoke, and therefore breathing wood smoke in 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is incredibly dangerous."

Quoted on December 9, 2009 - Attorney General Richard

My husband and I live in Minnesota. We speak from personal experience. I have asthma. We both have chronic sinusitis, headaches and sore throats. We live next to a neighbor who smokes up the entire neighborhood with his "smokey appliance" an OWB. It has negatively effected our health and well being for 3 years now and those of my neighbors. It is well known. The population in general is in poor health. We all need to try keep the air as clean as possible because we all need fresh air to get and stay healthy. Support a ban on OWBs. No green energy funding should include OWBs.

Thank you for your time!

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