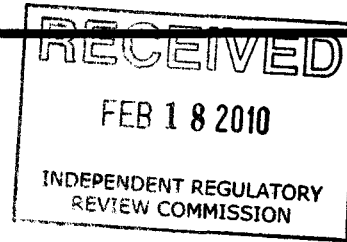


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From: nicole caldwell [ncaldwell89@yahoo.com]
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To: EP, RegComments
Subject: Outdoor wood boilers proposed rulemaking



To the Environmental Quality Board:

I am writing to show my support for the proposed regulations on the outdoor wood boilers. I live in Houtzdale, PA and as these OWBs increase in numbers in the surrounding towns, air quality is greatly diminished. It doesn't take a scientist to figure this out, anyone can see the thick smoke laying in the valleys and smell the horrible fumes from coal, plastic and garbage from being burnt. It seems like the primary fuel source in this area is coal, not wood. The coal smoke seems to be "heavy" and falls back to ground level despite stack height. From what I understand these boilers are to burn wood only and that coal is not an approved fuel source. Any allergist or pulmonologist would agree that coal smoke is far worse to inhale than wood smoke. A few weeks ago my young daughter and I were driving thru town and smoke from an OWB was engulfing the road. She starting coughing and said that it was stinky. A few days later we were traveling the same way and she asked if she should hold her breath as we drove past. Now come on everybody, this is a 6 year old who has figured out that this is not healthy. Regulations need to be implemented and ENFORCED as soon as possible!

Signed,
Afraid of what we're leaving behind for our children,

Nicole M. Caldwell