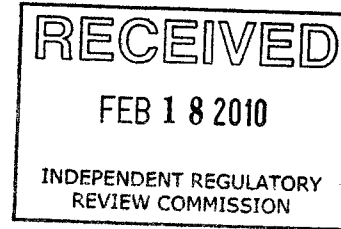


From: randmyerspotter@aol.com
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 9:17 AM
To: EP, RegComments
Subject: OWB Regulation Proposal



To The Environmental Quality Board,

I think that OWB should be regulated as much as possible. My neighbor put one in 5 years ago and it has been nothing but a nuisance to my family and the neighborhood. Our worst nightmare would be what if another one was put in. Well two years that happened and we have 2 OWB next to us 1 is 150 feet from our house the other about 700 feet. The smoke seeps through doors and windows. You smell it inside and out.

My wife and two of my children have been to the doctors do to lung problems caused by the furnace. Especially my children's Doctor, he is sure that is what is triggering the asthma in the kids. My other son had headaches but since he went to college they have stopped. I don't think that is a coincidence.

Why should our lives suffer because people want to save on their heating bills. It's just not right. Then they brag about how much money they are saving but won't spend some of that money to put a good stack on their furnace. Or good dry wood. Or to pay for heating a little water during the summer, so they can shut them off. I would be the first one out there to buy one if they were good for the environment. Many people that own them have think they have the right to do whatever they want with them and don't care about their neighbors or their own family for that matter who they are polluting.

My wife worked hard and finally got the Township to pass an ordinance only to have them not enforce it. We really knew they were only passing an ordinance to appease us or to look good in the paper. We had hoped they would do the right thing for our community and make sure all regulations were being followed. They didn't.

All OWB located in towns where houses are close together are a nuisance. We can not open our windows, go out and enjoy our yard the way other people do. This winter has been a particular problem with all the snow. Shoveling snow is hard enough as it is without breathing that bad smoke in. OWB have taken away our right to enjoy our property that we paid for.

People everywhere in PA need you to protect them. As OWB become more popular you see and smell them everywhere. I have 2 next door think about it. This is not right. I would prefer a ban I don't think they should be sold anywhere in the country after what I have experienced. But I will take what I can get at this point, pass as many regulations as possible.

1. Many people around Somerset County burn coal in them it's very important you ban using coal. My neighbor burns coal and the sulfur smell is so bad. Much more so than if he's burning wood. Garbage is a problem many people burn theirs.
2. Stack heights have to be high to get that smoke up and out. All owners of OWB should have a high stack it shouldn't matter how far away they are. Like I said I have one that is 150 feet and one that is 700 feet away. I am downwind and effected by both. They both need to be forced to put their stack up. My neighbors have refused to put their stacks up even though we were friends before this.
3. You definitely need to pass all rules for existing furnaces my neighbors is old. Your only letting people buy the New EPA Phase of furnaces. But what about all those old ones that didn't pass any tests?
4. Please reconsider putting back in the regulation for turning them off MAY 1 - October 1. That to me personally was most important. That one would really help people that are suffering out. Forcing them to be turned off gives 5 months of clean air. This is an important regulation. **RECONSIDER AND PUT THIS BACK IN THE PROPOSAL I HAVE 2 NEXT TO ME!!!!**

Last thoughts I'm sure you have heard from many more OWB owners, than people suffering from their odor and smoke. That doesn't mean there aren't many people out there suffering or need to be protected. I'm sure many people have know idea that you are passing a regulation and would have sent comments. My wife fortunately found out from Pennfuture who she had been in contact with. She never heard a word from DEP who she had

originally complained to. Or the Jefferson Township Supervisors. They definitely said they would prefer the State be in charge. They don't want to tell people what to do with their property. So they don't. The late John Murtha God sent my wife a letter two years ago. He said "unfortunately until there is State wide regulation passed your local township is the one with the authority to determine regulations." They have done nothing. So this is the State chance pass all proposed regulations.

Sincerely,
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