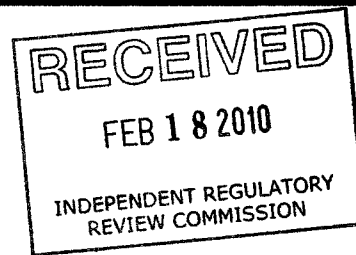


**From:** Shirley [s.brandie@sympatico.ca]  
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**To:** EP, RegComments  
**Subject:** OWB Regulation



To whom it may concern,

It is my opinion that OWBs do not belong in residential areas. I have seen these appliances in action and cannot believe the amount of smoke that is generated by them! This smoke blankets the entire surrounding area and continues on its way spewing its toxins on everything in its path.

An OWB stands anywhere from 4 feet to 8 feet tall. Houses are not built 4 to 8 feet tall, therefore the smoke is directed straight at surrounding houses! Stack additions can be added to an OWB in an effort to raise the height above the roof line. However, in many cases the height of the stack is irrelevant if the distance from one property to another is too close.

OWBs are designed to burn continuously and smolder. The way an OWB is engineered and designed is to run a continual cycle of forced air into a residence or building. The result of this is a continual smoldering of smoke during the entire time of operation.

People tend to burn wood inside residences. Household items such as trash and debris contain chemicals and wastes that are hazardous, yet some owners of OWBs think that it is okay to burn anything they want in it as it is outdoors. Some, not all, owners of OWBs, abuse their OWB by using it as a burning pit. Without any regulation this WILL continue to happen no matter what phase OWB is being used..

OWBS are not environmentally friendly. How is chopping down all of the trees in our wooded areas good for the environment? If the number of people using OWBs to heat their homes continues to grow, what trees will remain for our future generations?

OWBs are causing many people to be forced to breathe wood smoke, both outdoors and inside their homes! Why is this allowed to happen to them? They have no choice but to continue to breathe in the toxins, try to sell their home if anyone would purchase it after viewing the smoke load or seeking legal action. My question is why are the victims of the wood smoke the ones that pay so dearly? Without regulation they are being coerced into vacating the house they can no longer live in just so the OWB users can continue to pollute the environment! Please give them the freedom to have clean air to breathe in their own homes.

Sincerely,  
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