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From: mtcobbpa@aol.com
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To: EP, RegComments
Subject: Outdoor Wood Boilers

I am writing this e-mail as someone who has suffered the wrath of a neighbor's OWB for over a decade. The stench that has come from his unit has caused my children and I considerable trouble. We have been to court several times and the unit is still up as we await the judges latest decision. Our township, Jefferson, Lackawanna County, did not listen as we pleaded our case for 17 months attending township meetings. I have personally visited our rep, Ed Staback, as well as rep. Kenny Smith. I have called Gov. Rendell's office, Bob Casey's office, DEP, Dep't of Health, EPA, EVERYONE who claim it had to be handled at the local level. When we realized our township would do nothing, we were forced to take the matter to court. I explained that the smoke and smell come through the cracks in our doors, windows, etc.

I also explained that our neighbor, like many other OWB owners, puts trash in his burner. I told them you can't be outside when he loads the machine up. You can't open the windows on your own terms. He dictates when I can enjoy my home and land. The info on second-hand smoke is so compelling, these manufacturers need to put instructions for these "locomotives" to be placed on large parcels of land, not in neighborhoods. If you can't contain the smoke to your own property you have a responsibility to your neighbors, if any to change your form of heat. This has divided our community and has made enemies out of what used to be friends. Please seriously consider legislation to keep these OWBs out of harms way. Thank you, Lisa Cummings 901 Lie Rd.

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