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Ref: Proposed Rulemaking 25 PA. CODE CHS. 121 AND 123] Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers 39 Pa.B. 6068] [Saturday, October 17, 2009]

Summary: The Environmental Quality Board (Board) proposes to amend Chapters 121 and 123 (relating to general provisions; and standards for contaminants) operation of outdoor wood-fired boilers.

Comment: It is the goal of most to use more environmentally friendly materials and include more renewable energy or increase the efficiency of the items that they use in their daily lives; these proposed regulation for **new and existing outdoor wood-fired boilers directly effects the poor, disadvantaged, rural and agricultural heart of America with a very negative undertone; Citizens of Rural America rely on wood-fired boilers for heat & hot water, and are already suffering from the lost of land that was once rural & agricultural to development next to their homes and farms.. let alone the current effect on them with this bad economy.**

Under subsection (e) regarding stack height requirements **for existing outdoor wood-fired boilers**, a person may not use or operate an OWB that was installed before the effective date of the regulation unless the boiler has a permanently attached stack. The stack must meet both of the following height requirements: extend a minimum of 10 feet above the ground and extend at least 2 feet above the highest peak of the highest residence located within 500 feet of the OWB. (This should be changed to the following; **All existing outdoor fuel-burning appliances or wood fired boilers shall have a flue or chimney with a minimum termination height of 15 feet above the natural ground level upon which the outdoor fuel-burning appliance is located**)

Under subsection (c) regarding setback requirements for Phase 2 outdoor wood-fired boilers, a person may not install a Phase 2 OWB in this Commonwealth unless the boiler is installed a minimum of 150 feet from the nearest property line. **(This should be changed to state, that unless it is located in one of the following exclusionary setbacks locations, that are zones that are classified, rural, woodland, conservation, agricultural areas that the minimum of 50-feet to the nearest property line.)**

We object to any proposed rule that effects zones that are classified, rural, woodland,

conservation, agricultural areas as they burn small amounts to heat their water between the dates of May 1 and September 30.

The greatest challenge facing Pennsylvania is ignorance of the true cost of electricity that is generated and the GHG emissions that are generated by the energy production using coal; and why people heat with wood, it saves them money and is a renewable energy source and reduces our dependency on foreign oil. Think of Rural America and the effects of that this will have on the poor, most would love to have solar or wind, but must use what they can afford, maybe you can afford a 22-30% increase in your electricity bill every year or twice a year.... We cannot!

Regards,

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