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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to protest the DEP proposed regulations on outdoor wood fired boilers. These regulations are neither needed or wanted at the local level. Any regulations concerning these stoves can and should be addressed through local ordinances and done more fairly and equitably than at the state level.

The outside wood boiler is one of the few remaining ways that many Pennsylvanians can afford to heat their homes or supplement their existing heating systems. Using a renewable resource that is easily replaced makes much more sense than depleting a non-renewable resource that benefits a few large corporations.

Also with the reduced budget for the DEP, it would make more sense to spend the resources monitoring Marcellus Shale drilling sites that have the possibility of causing much more environmental damage than outdoor wood stoves.

I also find it really interesting that you schedule a public comment meeting date during the first week of deer season when many who would normally be available to offer comment will be on vacation. Was this planned??

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