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Concerning the proposed rulemaking titled Outdoor Wood-fired Boilers (OWB)
25 Pa. Code chapters 121 and 123

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The fine particles referenced in this document are wood smoke. Plain and simple, WOOD SMOKE. Humans have lived with wood smoke since prehistoric times. This proposal would limit the use of OWBs due to the emission of wood smoke.

The proposal seems to promote the use of fuel oil (a foreign import) over the use of fire wood (a renewable resource). The wood used here in northern Pa. Is obtained from inferior trees culled to allow marketable timber to grow faster and from the portion of trees left behind after the logs are removed. This generates employment , lowers waste and provides a fuel that is both economical and clean burning, with the exception of wood smoke.

As long as only clean wood is used as fuel, there should be no further regulation of OWBs. The location of the boiler outside takes away the fire hazard that exists with wood stoves inside the home. If this proposal is enforced the probability of house fires with loss of life and property will escalate.

The amount of particles generated by all of the OWBs is negligible when compared with the commercial airplanes crossing Pa.

Since all wood fires produce smoke i.e. PM2.5, should campfires be prohibited? Then our children and grandchildren can roast hot dogs and toast marshmallows over oil or gas fires.

Please reconsider this proposal as it would cause hardship to many rural residents on fixed income, especially during this economic downturn.

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