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In re: To Proposed Rulemaking  
25 PA. Code CHS. 121 AND 123  
Outdoor Wood Fired Boilers  
39 Pa.B. 6068

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Environmental Quality Board,

My husband was rushed to a hospital by ambulance, on March 2008. Being an EMT at the time, he thought he was having a stroke. He had become very sick, from exposure of a OWBs smoke/fumes, coming into our home. So when this happened to my husband, we knew we had to do something. We called EPA, DEP, Air Quality Control, Board of Health, Other Government Offices, State Police, Fire Department twice and Newspapers. We were told; let your Borough Council handle your situation.

Proponents say OWBs are simple, clean and efficient. Instead of moving the wood and corresponding mess and bugs indoors, the OWB is outdoors next to the wood. Indoor air pollution is also cut to zero by moving the fire and smoke outside. Users typically load it once at night and once in the morning. Their air pollution might be cut to zero but it's entering our home 500 feet away.

My husband started attending the council meetings, so he could be heard, not only for us but also for our family that lives next door. We have a daughter in law and four grandchildren, who already have Asthma; He was also a voice for other people being affected but was afraid to go to the meetings. Finally an Ordinance had passed. There seems to lack some leadership in this town because they are not enforcing it.

The Ordinance they passed on August, 2008 states: **The purpose of this Ordinance is to insure that the out door furnaces are properly and safely installed and that they do not affect the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Ramey Borough and the public in general.**

Our rights to breathe fresh air, has been taken away from us, for over two years now. I'm tired of my lips going numb, headaches, watery eyes, burning nose, sore throats, coughing and having panic attacks because I feel the life being suck out of my lungs.

I always had perfect blood pressure but not anymore because of this undue stress that has been forced upon us. I had to go on medicine and my husband was diagnosed with Emphysema and Asthma, July of this year.

**Paying a price for fresh air, what use to be FREE!**

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