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I would like to make the following comments regarding pending regulations for outdoor wood-fired boilers.

1. I support reasonable regulation of efficiency standards. Most of the current problems are a result of inefficient burning, and would be eliminated if only "efficient" boilers were used. The downside is that they are more expensive so fewer people could afford them.
2. Regarding new installations needing a minimum of 150 feet from property lines, many rural houses are built next to the road and the property line is often the road. There may not be a house in sight, or within a 1000 feet. The regulation should address proximity to residences rather than property lines. Perhaps written permission from the neighboring property owner.
3. Any new regulation will reduce the number of wood boiler applications. Rural settings often have no option for natural gas so may be practically limited to oil or propane. I believe there are many negatives(including health issues) associated with these options even though they may be far less visible than smoke(particulates). Be sure to look at the total picture when discouraging use of outdoor wood boilers through future regulation.

Respectfully,
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