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My wife and I moved to Pa. approximately 4 years ago. April of 2009 my neighbor purchased a outdoor wood burning furnace, This furnace was placed approximately 3 to 4 feet from my property line and has a stack of what I believe to be about 8' feet high. While whoever was installing the furnace fired it up and my house became filled with the smell of smoke. I called the the owner of the house and I believe he called the installer who shut down the furnace.

Now that the colder weather has arrived this furnace is on constantly. In the early part of November, 09 we experienced a nor-easter where it rained for about 4 days. During this time the neighbors furnace was running and our house became filled with the smell of smoke those 4 days. My wife and I actually left the house for most of those days so we wouldn't have to smell the smoke.

I've did some research about outdoor wood burners "OWB's" and have found numerous articles about woodsmoke health effects and who are the most susceptible to their danger. I've reviewed most of the articles from the PA DEP and any other states articles concerning "OWB's". I wrote down one quote that seemed to sum up all the articles and that is " Wood Boilers can really smoke up a neighborhood, causing air pollution and health problems for nearby residents."

My wife recently completed treatment for breast cancer. I have stage 2 diabetes and we both have allergies that seem to be bothered by the smoke from the OWB. We both have strong concerns for our health knowing about the amount of pollutants that this OWB spew's while operating.

What recourse do we have in cleaning up our air from this OWB.

Respectfully submitted

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