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Subject: purposed regulation on OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED BOILERS

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I heat my home with an outdoor wood furnace for many good reasons. With the increasing coast of natural gas and fuel oil , heating with wood is an economical choice. Heating with an outdoor wood furnace eliminates the risks of fires and carbon monoxide poisoning associated with an indoor heating system because the furnace is located outside. Heating with wood is better for the environment than heating with oil, coal, or natural gas.

The purposed regulation for outdoor wood-fired boilers has the potential to keep me from being able to heat my home. I am strongly opposed to the excessive chimney height requirements that are not based upon science. The excessive chimney height requirements will be costly and time consuming. Which may leave a large number of owners unable to comply. Also the seasonal prohibition between May 1 and September 30 is unreasonable for rural owners, farming operations, wood lot owners, and greenhouse operations.

While it is reasonable that furnace owners creating verifiable nuisances need to increase their chimney to alleviate complaints. It is unreasonable for the Pa DEP to impose restrictions on all outdoor wood furnaces except proper fuel use.

I am opposed to the excessive and retroactive requirements of the proposed regulation. If passed as currently written. I believe that the regulations will leave existing owners whom use their furnaces in a responsible manner, unable to heat their homes.

Sincerely,
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