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RE: Regulation of Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers

As a rural resident of Bradford County I am very upset by your proposed regulations of outdoor wood-fired boilers. I have used one for 12 years to heat my home and garage out of which I run my water well drilling business.

I don't know what you expect people to do; oil, natural gas and electricity are very costly and not as efficient as wood heat. The working man is already taxed to death and now we are told how to heat our homes.

Also, I would like to know how many of you can clean a 10 foot high stack and maintain it in the wind and lousy weather we have in our area.

I am all for burning clean wood. Most people do burn clean wood with only a few jerks burning tires, trash, etc.. Don't punish the good people because of the actions of a few.

In closing, my opinion is that there are far more serious problems to worry about such as getting a handle on gas drilling which I believe is out of control and shaking a few more crooked rats out of high paying government jobs.

Thomas W. Cummings