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Subject: RE: Pa DEP proposed rule concerning "outdoor wood-fired stoves"

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Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I have lived in Pa for the majority of my life and have struggled financially . I am now however to a point where myself and my family (of 7) can live comfortably at less than \$45,000 a year gross income . Part of this is attributed to being able to avert the high cost of fuel oil (sometimes over 4 ½ dollars per galloon) by using wood as a fuel source. The restrictions proposed by the DEP (concerning outdoor wood-fired boilers) would greatly increase the cost of heating our homes and possible force some residents to rely on fuel assistance (LIHEAP) as their means of heating. In this time of recession we simply can not afford to have the DEP regulate in such a manner as to make our outdoor wood burning stoves practically inoperable. Most will not be able to comply with such regulations imposed due to terrain and other factors. Even if some can it will be costly to upgrade existing outside wood boilers. When I installed my wood boiler three years ago I estimated it would pay for itself in three years by burning wood instead of fuel oil then at approx. 2 ½ dollars per gallon. That to me is a very economical way to heat and a wise investment! I currently live in a rural area where natural gas is not available. My only other alternatives , other than wood, are electric ,LPG or fuel oil. If forced from burning wood my heating bill would go from \$0 (since I am able to use utilize my current wooded lot) to about \$3000-\$4000 per year! This would pose a threat to family finances. I also have about three years worth of wood cut and stored under shelter - ready to burn .

Some benefits of heating with an outdoor wood furnace include-

Elimination of the risk of fires and carbon monoxide poisoning associated with an indoor heating system because the appliance is located outside. Think of how many homes are destroyed and people are killed every year from indoor appliances!

Heating with wood results in no net increase in global warming emissions. Heating with other fossils fuels is a huge producer of global warming gas emissions and does nothing in eliminating our dependence on foreign oil.

Please consider the residents that are heating our homes efficiently ,safely and responsibly . If some are not using their furnaces responsibly then let's address these issues independently and not attempt to blanket all with such government regulation! I appreciate your concern in this matter.

Thank you

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--- On Wed, 12/16/09, Chambers, Laura M. <lchambers@state.pa.us> wrote:

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Scott,

I am unable to open the attachment you sent in your email. Please resubmit with your comments in the body of the email, or in PDF format. Thank you!

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