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Outdoor Furnace Comment:

Outdoor furnaces are toxic pollution machines, which is why most states have banned their usage. Burning, or more appropriately, smoldering, anything in a starved air environment produces a wide array of toxic byproducts especially since many people burn trash in these furnaces. If DEP truly cares about air quality, global warming, and quality of life for our citizens, you would just ban them. This administration loves to TALK about the environment, but never does anything concrete to help (other than cutting environmentalists budgets, laying off DEP employees, allowing companies to operate without permits, and allowing shale drilling). It's all about models, PR, playing with data, making excuses for polluters and permit violators, and spin. Here is a chance for the administration to finally match deeds with words. Ban the furnaces the way others states have - it can be done. Ban them the way lead and DDT were banned. At least lead and DDT served useful functions, unlike these nasty, smelly, and unhealthy air pollution devices. Take a stand, and do the right thing.