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Environmental Quality Board  
P. O. Box 8477  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8477

Re: Proposals on Existing Outdoor Wood Stoves.

Dear Sirs:

We own and operate an outdoor wood stove. We use it for heat and hot water. We changed from an oil fed boiler system to an outdoor wood stove in 2005 due to the rising cost of fuel oil and the fact that statistics show they are much safer than a wood stove installed inside the home.

We are opposed to the proposed regulations on existing outdoor wood stoves. It would be a financial burden and maintenance inconvenience for us to increase the chimney on our existing stove to 35+ feet to be above the house. Our wood stove sits in the middle of our acreage of 100+ acres and we do not feel it bothers any other residence. We seriously believe that a state wide proposal of any kind is unreasonable as so much of PA. is rural and this is where you find most of the outdoor wood stoves.


As for the proposal prohibiting wood stove operation between May and Sept. 30, it is not feasible in this area of the state (Potter County) as I am sure it applies for all the counties along the northern border of PA. The weather can fluctuate in this part of the state in May and Sept. and the need for heat may occur. Please take into consideration geographic locations.

Also please consider the economic value that our existing outdoor wood stove provides for us.

Thank you for your understanding..

Sincerely,

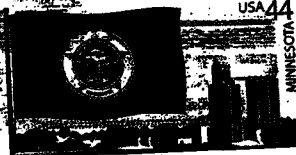
  
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