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RE: Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers

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To Whom It May Concern:

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

I am writing to inform you I support your proposed regulations regarding Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers 100 percent and there should definitely be very strict regulations for any outdoor wood-fired boilers in small towns or possibly even be banned. The smoke from these boilers causes health problems to some where the houses are so close together in small towns (causing asthma attacks and allergies flare up). Even though windows are closed, smoke still gets into the homes. Also, many of us walk to town to shop and the smoke hangs low to the ground and causes many breathing problems. The outdoor wood-fired boilers are probably not as harmful in country settings, but homes are too close together in small towns.

Again, I hope the Board follows through with the proposed regulations published in our newspaper (enclosed copy).

Thank You for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Baker said under the proposed regulations:

- A person may not purchase, sell, offer for sale, distribute or install a boiler unless it meets Phase 2 standards for efficiency.

- New boilers must be installed at least a minimum of 150 feet from the nearest property line.

- New boilers must have a permanently attached stack that must be at least 10 feet above ground and extend at least two feet above the highest peak of the highest residence located within 150 feet of the boiler.

- Existing boilers must also have a permanently attached stack that is at least 10 feet above ground and extend at least two feet above the highest peak of the highest residence located within 500 feet of the boiler.

- Only clean wood, wood pellets made from clean wood and certain home heating oil, natural gas or propane fuels can be used in the boilers.