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Re: COVER LETTER SUMMARY ONLY

Dear Board:

The following one-page summary only comments are being provided in response to Proposed Rulemaking on Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers dated Saturday, October 17, 2009. In summary, we strongly urge the board to NOT adopt the proposed rulemaking for the following reasons:

1. The Proposal was prepared using grossly flawed data.
2. The Proposal will severely damage the economy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by killing jobs, and by increasing heating costs for many businesses and homeowners by over 400 percent.
3. The Proposal will expose the board and the Commonwealth to a potentially enormous legal liability associated with deaths and injuries resulting from carbon monoxide poisoning and house fires.
4. The Proposal will dramatically increase the emissions of greenhouse gasses.
5. The Commonwealth consists of largely rural areas where outdoor wood-fired boilers (OWBs) do not impact anyone. Broad regulation of OWBs throughout the entire Commonwealth would be overly burdensome to citizens in most areas of the Commonwealth. Therefore, any necessary regulation should be established at the local municipal level in densely populated areas only.

Please see my detailed letter for further data.

Sincerely,

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