

Citizens Advisory Council

to the Department of Environmental Protection

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Joyce E. Epps, Esquire Director, Bureau of Air Quality Department of Environmental Protection 12th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17105

RE: Draft Proposed Rulemaking: Annex A: Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers 25 PA Code Chapters 121.1 and 123.14

Dear Ms. Epps:

At the Citizens Advisory Council meeting on July 21, 2009, Jane Greber and Ron Davis from your staff presented the draft proposed rulemaking for Annex A: Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers (OWB). Ms. Greber and Mr. Davis responded to several questions from Council members regarding such issues as cost difference between new and older OWB models, stack height and pollution, and township ordinances.

Gail Conner, Council's representative on the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, reported that there was extensive discussion on the OWB proposed regulation at AQTAC's meeting on May 28. Many of the issues raised by AQTAC members have been addressed in the revised draft that was presented to Council.

Council concurs with proceeding to the Environmental Quality Board on September 15 with the OWB draft regulation.

Council thanks you and your staff for providing regular updates on air issues, policies and regulations. We look forward to future discussions. If there are any questions, please contact Sue Wilson, Council's Executive Director, at 787-4527.

Sincerely,

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