

Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee

to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

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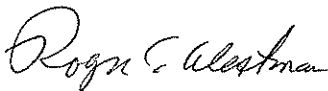
Dear Secretary Hanger:

On May 28, 2009, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee discussed proposed amendments to 25 *Pa. Code* Chapters 121 and 123 (relating to general provisions; and standards for contaminants). The proposed amendments would add new terms and definitions under § 121.1 (relating to definitions), and would add § 123.14 (relating to outdoor wood-fired boilers).

The proposed amendments would regulate the sale, lease, distribution, installation, purchase, ownership, use and operation of outdoor wood-fired boilers (OWBs) in this Commonwealth. The proposed provisions include requirements to sell, distribute and install only Phase 2 OWBs after the compliance date; setback and stack height requirements for new and existing OWBs; and allowed fuels, prohibited fuels, seasonal prohibition, and written notice requirements for the prospective buyers.

The Committee concurred with the Department's recommendation to present the proposed amendments, with modifications as needed based on committee members' questions, to the Environmental Quality Board for approval for publication as a proposed rulemaking with a minimum 60-day public comment period and three public hearings.

Sincerely,



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Chair