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From: Doug Lohman of Mansfield Center Ct.

To: All who have authority over OWF's

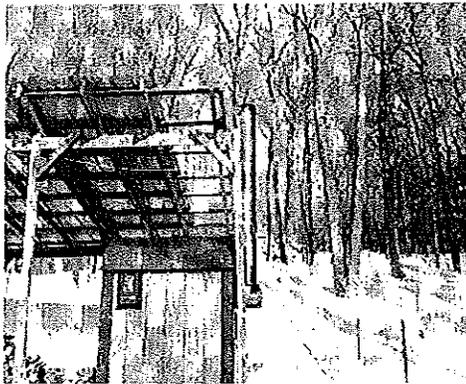
RE: Outdoor wood furnaces and the 2011 CT Bill No. 830.

Unlike many of the voices I have read complaints from, I am a resident of Connecticut. I have operated my owf for approximately three years now and never had a complaint. I actually have had people ask me why I'm not using it? I answer them that its running now and always get a surprised look. It has been installed and operated following manufacturing guidelines along with guidelines set by this state and it's town governments. Permits were pulled and inspections were conducted and approved. I paid about four thousand dollars extra for a cleaner burning version of the boiler. I could have installed an oil boiler for just the difference. I have enclosed photos below for reference. I have seen a difference in what comes out the chimney between less expensive units and mine. For people to burn the wrong items, operate them in an improper way, or install incorrectly should not be my fault, I passed those tests. I laughed when I saw a complaint of a boiler that was installed within 75 feet of another house apparently prior to distance laws. I ask you, seriously what does that have to do with me or others that have complied with the law. Another complaint was from Wisconsin, throw that one in the trash. Some people will complain just to hear their voice. Why if its bad, would farmers get to continue? I have horses, am I covered. What if they die or are sold? What if the emissions out of theirs is worse than mine? How is that fair?

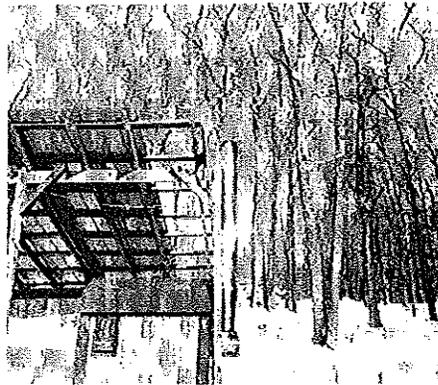
I am not anti government or environment. I have seen oil and gas prices rise and fall. I have heard the state speak about gas station price gouging and they will go after these companies to stop it, but you never hear the outcome. Unlike many of the others fighting for owf's I am not doing it to save "thousands" or to keep forest fires to a minimum. I am doing it for stability. I do believe that burning good split seasoned cord wood in my boiler is a safe alternative. I use my boiler only between October and April for heat. I also believe that people who go against manufacturers instructions and laws should be held accountable in the use of these boilers. If these are outlawed, then I need to know who will be footing the bill to install a heating system in my house. After spending tens of thousands on it, and research with the state and town as being ok, I don't think it should be at my cost and simply cant afford it. Maybe an anti-wood burning lobbyist would care to buy me out? Just guarantee stability of fuel oil.

Something to think about.

If there is one person speeding down the highway and threatening the lives of others, should we ban the use of all motor vehicles from proven safe drivers? Fine the bad operators!



BOILER AT IDLE (HEATING HOUSE)



BOILER RUNNING (FIRE BURNING)



APPROVED FUEL (CUT, SPLIT, SEASONED)