

**PUBLIC INPUT STATEMENT**

In completing this public input statement, an agency shall describe what it did or will do to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule. Where this form is insufficient for your purposes, please use additional sheets.

Please complete the following:

1. Title or subject of rule:

Air Pollution Control Regulations, § 5-204 Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers

2: Agency:

Natural Resources

3. Please list the steps that have been or will be taken to maximize public involvement in the development of the proposed rule:

APCR §5-205(f) (adopted on 4/27/07) notified the public of the Phase II OWB emission limit to be proposed in this rule. This emission limit has been vetted by US EPA, other northeast states, OWB manufacturers and the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) in discussions over the last few years.

Copies of the proposed rule and related documents will be distributed to the environmental agencies in several northeast states, or posted on the Agency's web page for their reference. During the formal rulemaking process, notices soliciting public comments on the rule will be placed in major newspapers and the Agency will hold a public hearing(s). The Agency will contact all affected groups (e.g., outdoor wood-fired boiler dealers and manufacturers, environmental groups, etc.) to involve them in the rulemaking process. Also, the proposed rule and its adoption schedule will be posted on the Agency's web page.

**Beyond general advertisements, please list the people and organizations that have been or will be involved in the development of the proposed rule.**

US EPA, other northeast states, NESCAUM, and OWB manufacturers were involved in the development of the Phase II emission limit that is proposed by this rule. In addition, the Agency intends to notify the following people and organizations of the proposed rule: various OWB manufacturers and dealers; the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association; other states' environmental agencies; NESCAUM; US EPA; Vermont Department of Health; Vermont League of Cities and Towns; Vermont Public Interest Research Group; Conservation Law Foundation; and Vermont Natural Resources Council.