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Subject: Re: Wood Stoves Inquiry for EPA

Scott,

“We do not comment on or provide rules that are currently undergoing interagency review.”— EPA spokesperson

Background on the Rule:

Residential wood heaters include woodstoves, pellet stoves, hydronic heaters (also known as wood-fired boilers), and indoor wood-burning forced air furnaces. EPA’s rule applies only to newly manufactured wood heaters -- not existing wood heaters currently in use in people’s homes.

EPA decided to review the NSPS in light of concerns that states and stakeholders have raised about key requirements in the rule. Among those concerns is that the emissions tests the 2015 rule established for determining compliance with the standards do not reflect how wood heaters are typically used -- including the type of firewood most people burn. As a result, the rule may not be achieving the environmental benefits it was supposed to provide.

While EPA continues its work with states and stakeholders on an improved test method, the agency is taking this step to provide relief to wood heater manufacturers and retailers so that they are not forced to make inefficient – and possibly, ineffective – use of their resources in the interim. Many wood heater manufacturers are small businesses and may, as a consequence, find themselves particularly burdened by the 2015 rule.

On Aug 11, 2018, at 8:03 AM, scott Gibson [Ex. 6] wrote:

Enesta,

I understand the EPA has sent a draft rule related to emissions standards for new wood stoves to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review.

I would like to have a copy of the draft rule.

Thank you.

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On Aug 10, 2018, at 2:27 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Scott, I understand you have questions about wood stoves. Please send your specific questions, media outlet you are with and firm deadline.

Thanks,
Enesta