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Comments on DEC Proposed Air Quality Regulations.

I find a couple of your proposed regulations to be unreasonable. Specifically the one which says that heating devices must be installed by professionals. A stove like a Blaze King does not require a professional to be correctly installed. If folks want a professional to do the installation, that's fine, but it should not be a requirement. As a home owner of some fifty years in Alaska, I've installed a number of wood burning stoves without the need for a professional. It's simple and does not require someone with a certification to do it. Some more complex burning devices will require a professional, but not simple wood burning stoves.

Your requirement for having wood cutters sell only dry wood is absurd. Can you picture the wood lot or warehouse required to dry hundreds of cords of wood? I have a woodshed in which to dry my wood. I always store it split for over a year before burning it. The requirement for selling only dry wood will put most wood cutters out of business, and those who remain will need to raise their wood costs beyond what most people can afford. I suggest the drying part be the responsibility of those who purchase the wood. Many of us who burn wood cut our own wood, and it will usually start out green.

Proposing requirements that will move people away from using wood may make sense to you, but if you have any concerns about the need for going green to minimize global warming, the real choice of heating in Alaska is solar, wind, and wood. And wood is by far the most reliable of the three. The other options like gas, oil, or coal contribute to global warming. Burning wood is CO2 neutral. Burning fossil fuels of any sort is not.

Thanks, Dave Nebert