

Re: burning wood for power, bad idea

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to: Mr. John Wassam, Mass. Department of Energy Resources

Dear Mr. Wassam,

I read in my local paper about the proposal to burn wood for energy in and around Springfield, MA. As a long-time sufferer of asthma, I have to protest. I moved from Boston in order to avoid smoke and other pollutants in my air. So my first plea to you to stop this idea is selfish. My second appeals to our common fate as humans, who use too many resources which nature needs to function. Burning wood, a terribly slow renewable, creates smoke and ash, leeches nutrients from the soil, and destroys habitat for people and other creatures. I ask you to reconsider this misguided proposal and find non-polluting ways to get renewables into our power diet.

Thank you,

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