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David Kelly
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Sent via e-mail k30521@prodigy.net

Subject: SCAQMD Rule 445 – Wood Burning Devices

Dear Mr. Kelly,

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) staff has received and reviewed your March 25, 2010 inquiry regarding the HearthCAT™ System. In the correspondence, a request was made for a “position statement” relative to the installation of the HearthCAT™ System, as part of a retrofit, in existing homes with existing wood burning fireplaces.

Please note that AQMD Rule 445 – Wood Burning Devices, does not require the retrofitting of existing wood burning fireplaces installed before March 9, 2009. However, the voluntary retrofitting of existing units with devices designed to reduce emissions would further benefit air quality in our region, and as such, would be welcome. The AQMD cannot, however, endorse any specific product in public information materials.

AQMD Rule 445 provisions apply to new construction (i.e., only gaseous-fueled devices) and installation of devices at existing developments (i.e., remodels, room additions, etc). Attached for your reference is a summary of the Rule 445 requirements for new and existing developments. Additionally, and as you are likely aware, there may be other State and local building code standards that apply to installation and use of such a product.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact me at (909) 396-3106 or Mike Laybourn of my staff at (909) 396-3066.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tracy Goss, P.E.
Program Supervisor
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Attachment

cc: Barry R. Wallerstein

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