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To: Wood Stove Manufacturers

From: Harvey Gail, OHPBA Executive Director

RE: How to List Wood and Pellet Stoves for Oregon Residential Energy Tax Credit Program

Oregon's legislature passed several renewable energy bills in the 2007 session including one bill that provides up to **\$300 in tax credits** for purchasing new "very efficient biomass combustion appliances." The Oregon Department of Energy and OHPBA have recently agreed that OHPBA will keep and publish a list of wood and pellet stoves that qualify for the Residential Energy Tax Credit program.

This letter is to notify manufacturers of wood and pellet stoves of qualifications for the Oregon Residential Energy Tax Credit Program how to get a qualifying pellet appliance on the official list. Since OHPBA is organizing the list, information for qualifying pellet stoves should be directed to OHPBA, not ODOE.

Criteria for Stoves to Appear on the Official List

EPA certified wood stoves and cord wood units will automatically qualify for the tax credit if their published emissions are: **4.5 g/h for non-catalytics**, and **2.5 g/h for cats** and certified **pellet stoves** (and corn stoves). Pellet stoves that are not certified, but can demonstrate 2.5 grams per hour of emissions or less will qualify for this tax credit. To get on the list submit a 3rd party testing verification from a laboratory accredited by the US EPA.

This application is only for appliances that are **outside the EPA's certification program** for models sold in the state of **Oregon**. If your wood or pellet stove model(s) have EPA certification and meet the criteria and are published on the EPA list of certified stoves, it is not necessary to complete this application. If you have wood stove model(s) that are EPA certified but do not appear on the EPA list of certified stoves, it is necessary to complete the application.

An application is also required for pellet stoves that meet the criteria and can be verified by an EPA certified lab. Manufacturers that sell **pellet appliances** in Oregon that are "non-affected facilities" under the EPA's certification program, but who would like to qualify for the tax credit must fill out the application

Application Steps

All information will be **kept confidential**.

1. Complete the attached application that identifies the manufacturer, brand, model and number, and emissions for each stove that meets the criteria.
2. Attach a copy of a "third party" test performed by an EPA accredited laboratory, indicating the appliance operates at or below the required gph levels **or**
3. For pellet stoves, attach a letter from a third party lab indicating that substantially similar pellet appliances also use the same engine and would also operate at or below the 2.5 gph standard.

Since the tax credit is retroactive to January, 2007, the Oregon DOE has a substantial backlog of applications that are awaiting approval based on appliances on this list. Therefore, we would appreciate your attention to this matter at your



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earliest convenience. While we eventually need the paperwork to back up the listing, to expedite getting the information to us consider contacting your lab and **have them contact OHPBA directly**. They should call **Harvey Gail at 503-371-8547** or email **harv@vannattapr.com**.

In addition, in order to offset the cost of assembling and maintaining the list, OHPBA is asking for a **modest fee of \$50** to be paid with the completed form for wood and/or pellet stoves. If both forms are returned the payment is \$100 (\$50 per form). The fee may be paid at the time the information is sent, or we will send an invoice you.

Contacts and Additional Information:

Trade Association Contacts:

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Oregon Dept. of Energy Contact:

Dave Brook, Residential Energy Tax Credit Program
Oregon Department of Energy
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Salem, Oregon 97301
503-378-8534 (Tues-Wed-Thurs)
800-221-8035 or 503-378-8534 direct
Dave.Brook@state.or.us

Websites:

Oregon's approach to biomass, visit www.oregon.gov/ENERGY and click on Renewable Energy.
For more information on the tax credits visit www.oregonfireplaces.com.

****Oregon Residential Energy Tax Credit Criteria for "Very Efficient Biomass Combustion Appliances":***

The list will consist of wood and pellet stoves that meet the Oregon Department of Energy criteria:

- *Produce less than 250,000 British thermal units (Btu) per hour heat output.*
- *Have a certificate of performance from a currently US EPA accredited and audited (certified) woodstove testing laboratory.*
- *Be a non-catalytic wood stove with emissions of 4.5 grams of smoke per hour or less; or*
- *Be a catalytic wood or pellet stove with emissions of 2.5 grams of smoke per hour or less.*
- *Duct directly connected to the stove (preferred); or duct terminates at the hearth with barometric or manual damper; or duct with barometric damper within the room.*



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Application to List Wood Stoves
for
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Contact Info:

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Manufacturer: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____

Lab: _____ Lab contact: _____

Lab contact phone: _____ Lab contact email: _____

Wood Stove Info:

| <i>Brand name</i> | <i>Model/number</i> | <i>Grams/hour*</i> | <i>Catalytic (Yes or no)</i> | <i>Cert. Date</i> | <i>Efficiency</i> |
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(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Instructions

- Use this form if a stove has been tested by an EPA certified lab but the stove does NOT appear on the EPA list of certified stoves.
- Attach (staple) documentation from a US EPA certified lab verifying its emissions meet the requirements.

Send application and **\$50** payable to “Oregon Hearth Patio & Barbecue Association” (OHPBA) to:

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*Woodstove requirements are 2.5 gph or less catalytic 4.5 gph or less non cat.



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**Application to List Pellet Stoves
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Contact Info:

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____
 Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____
 Manufacturer: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____
 Lab: _____ Lab contact: _____
 Lab contact phone: _____ Lab contact email: _____

Pellet Stove Info:

| <i>Brand name</i> | <i>Model/number</i> | <i>Grams/hour (2.5 gph or less)</i> | <i>Efficiency</i> |
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Attach additional sheet if necessary

Instructions

- Attach (staple) documentation from US EPA certified lab, or
- Attach a letter from a third party lab indicating that substantially similar pellet appliances also use the same engine and would also operate at or below the 2.5 gph standard.

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