

Sir,

I'm following-up on the two e-mails you've recently sent to Line Beauchamp, minister of Développement durable, Environnement et Parcs. In those two e-mails you put ahead the qualities of masonry heaters made of many tons of bricks or stone. Wood in it burn rapidly and heat stored in the mass will continue to heat the house during many hours.

I want to inform you that masonry heaters are excluded from the Project of Regulation on Wood burning Appliances (Projet de Règlement sur les Appareils de Chauffage au Bois (PRACB)) because they are heaters built on site. As the 1st article of the PRACB points out: "The present regulation applies to all stoves, furnaces, boilers and built-in or prefabricated fireplaces..." Also, the CSA and US EPA norms to which refers the PRACB both exclude masonry heaters, without any need of an "exemption certificate" .

If you wish more information on PRACB, I invite you to contact M. Carol Gagné, engineer, of Direction of politics of quality of atmosphere. (Direction des Politiques de la Qualité de l'Atmosphère.) at 418-521-3813 poste 4594

Best regards,

The director,

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