

Voluntary Residential Wood Smoke Reductions Initiative

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What Am I Going To Cover?

- Outline EPA's Residential Wood Smoke Reduction Initiative
- Ask for Your Feedback—Concerns? Comments? Suggestions?

What Is EPA's Voluntary Residential Wood Smoke Reduction Initiative?

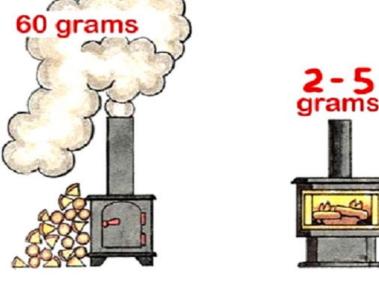
Major components

- Changing Out Old Woodstoves/Fireplace Inserts (Main focus)
- "Burn Clean" National Education and Outreach Campaign
- Supporting & Developing Standards (voluntary and/or regulatory) for Fireplaces, Woodstoves and Outdoor Wood Boilers

Woodstove Change-outs: Opportunity

- 8-9 million old woodstoves in use
- Cleaner burning, more efficient technologies available
- Can measure the benefits and cost effective

Particulate emissions in one hour:



Woodstove Change-outs: Challenges

- Replacement with new "cleaner" alternatives are relatively expensive
 - ~\$1500 \$3000 per stove (including installation)
- Old woodstoves last 30-40 years, (8-9 million)
- Replacing old woodstoves is not amenable to a regulatory program...need creative/innovative approaches
- Many people whose primary heat source is wood cannot afford new stoves even after a discount or rebate

Woodstove Change-out Campaigns

- Pilot Projects—Demonstration grants
- "How to" Document—Lessons learned
- Support to those interested in beginning a change-out campaign

Public education materials

- Ready to go media outreach materials
- Guidance for quantifying emission reductions for SIP credits

Woodstove Change-outs: Where Are The Pilots?

Pilot Woodstove/Fireplace Insert Changeout Campaign
Libby, MT (Fall 05)

- Greater Pittsburgh/SW PA area (Fall 05)
- Dayton, Ohio ?
- FY 06: 3-6 change-out locations if funding becomes available
- FY 07 and beyond: Grow into National Program?



- <u>Gather insight</u> on tools/information needed to help States/locals/Tribes implement future changeouts
- Demonstrate that voluntary changeout campaigns are cost effective, doable and there are <u>supportive partners</u>
- Demonstrate <u>measurable emission reductions</u>
- Have major media kick off event with EPA Administrator, State leaders, industry leaders, and others to generate interest and media splash
- Document pilot successes and "lessons learned" and <u>develop</u> <u>template</u>

Implementing And Supporting Changeouts Through Pilots

ÉPA Demonstration Grants (FY 05-06):

- Funds to purchase cleaner stoves for low income people for a few locations
- Grant winner: needs to show ability to leverage additional resources

Keys to success

- Build strong partnerships
- Leverage resources to provide funding for low income people to purchase stoves/appliances
- Conduct effective marketing and outreach
- Show benefits/results and market them
 - Libby air monitoring, before and after changeout

Expanding The Number Of Change-outs And Supporting New Efforts

Enforcement Settlement Agreement Funds:

- Market woodstove changeout as a cost effective tool for addressing PM2.5 and toxics emissions to regulators/enforcers
- Caution: Can not use settlement \$ in locations where EPA is funding an existing "Program" or "Project"
- SEP funds may appear suddenly
- Internal "marketing" efforts are paying off: \$125,000 set aside in Seattle EPA Region 10 as part of settlement agreement

Growing The Initiative: Implementing And Supporting Changeouts

EPA Woodstove Changeout Grant Program?: (FY 08)

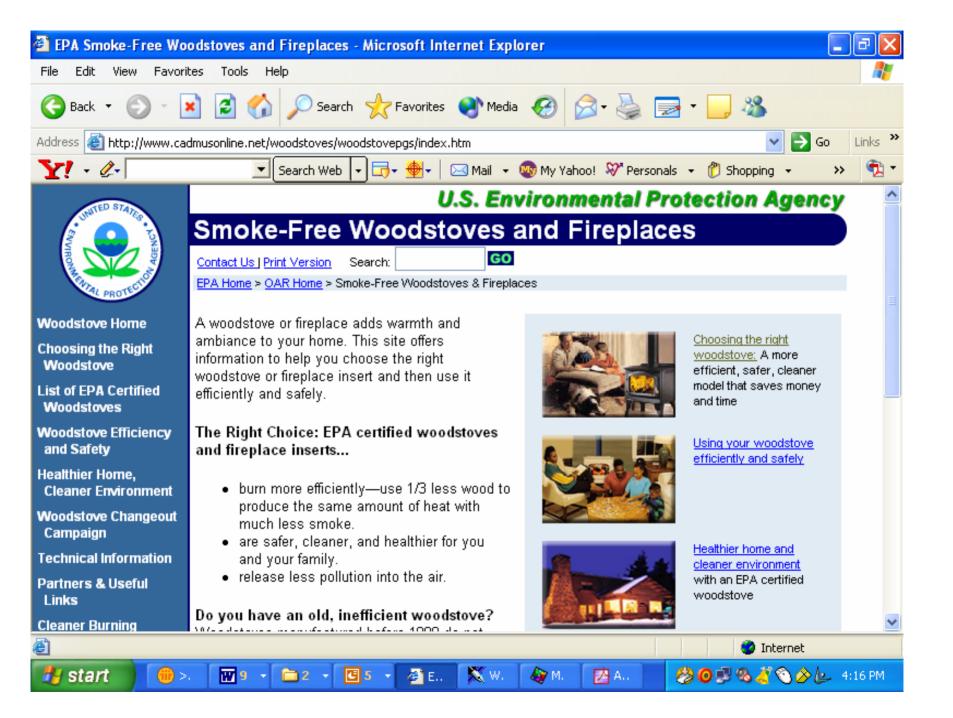
- <u>Pros</u>: can focus grant \$ in areas of greatest need, can plan more effectively
- <u>Cons</u>: once we have a grant program we can no longer use settlement agreement funds (e.g., School Bus Diesel Retrofit Program)

Residential Wood Smoke Reduction Initiative – What About The Other Components?

- Other components include:
- National Education and Outreach Campaign
- Draft woodstove/fireplace website developed
- Voluntary Fireplaces Consensus Standard and National Building Code?
- Voluntary Consensus Outdoor Wood-fired Hydronic Heaters Standard?
- Considering a revision to NSPS for cleaner woodstoves and outdoor wood heaters

What About The Other Components?

- National Education and Outreach Campaign
 - Will tell the public about the health concerns and how to reduce exposures
 - Ready-to-go Media Outreach Package
 - Fact sheets, Brochures, FAQs, PSAs
 - Distribute to S/L/T and media
 - For use during wood burning seasons
 - For pre/post storm news



What About Outdoor Wood Boilers?

- Examination underway of magnitude of emissions from outdoor wood boilers
- Strategy for how to address these will depend on the results of the review
- ASTM Committee
 - Developing consensus test method
 - Would allow for consensus emission standard
- Several states and NESCAUM asked EPA to issue regulations....NSPS

What About Fireplaces?

- ASTM committee
 - Developing consensus test method
 - Would allow development of a consensus emission standard
 - Possible model building code?
- Research
 - Proposal to research possible dioxin emissions from manufactured logs?

What About The Woodstove NSPS?

- Important to STAPPA/ALAPCO that EPA revise the NSPS
 - To ensure stoves changed out are clean
 - To update the 1988 standard to reflect state of the art
- EPA acknowledges that the NSPS is out of date—it will be revised
 - Court ordered deadlines and other projects will affect the schedule
 - Washington State standard is being met by most stoves in the meantime

Considerations

- Should we advocate for gas over wood?
- Would a revised NSPS actually get reductions?
- What if the grant funds do not get leveraged?
- What if no SEP funds become available?
- Other?

Summary/Feedback

- There is a great deal of energy and support inside and outside EPA.
- There are many facets and opportunities to the initiative.
- We want your comments, concerns, suggestions, support.
- We want to work with you.