

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE BILL 246

By: Allen

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
amending Section 1, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2019 (27A
O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2-5-130); amending area
affected; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 230, O.S.L.
2019 (27A O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2-5-130), is amended to read as
follows:

A. 1. The Department of Environmental Quality shall not
require the use of an air curtain incinerator for fires purposely
set for land clearing operations except in counties or areas that:

a. are or have been designated nonattainment for a
National Ambient Air Quality Standard, or in

b. are located within a metropolitan statistical area
~~with area and have~~ a population of greater than ~~nine~~
~~hundred thousand (900,000)~~ five hundred thousand
(500,000) people according to the latest Federal
Decennial Census.

1 2. For the purposes of this section, "air curtain incinerator"
2 means an incineration unit, operating by forcefully projecting a
3 curtain of air across an open integrated combustion chamber or open
4 pit or trench, in which combustion occurs. For the purposes of this
5 section, "metropolitan statistical area," means a core area
6 containing a substantial population nucleus, together with adjacent
7 communities having a high degree of economic and social integration
8 with that core, as defined by the federal Office of Management and
9 Budget.

10 B. The Department shall not require the use of an air curtain
11 incinerator for fires purposely set for the burning of clean wood
12 waste or yard brush except in counties or areas that:

13 a. are or have been designated nonattainment for a
14 National Ambient Air Quality Standard, or in

15 b. are located within a metropolitan statistical ~~areas~~
16 area with and have a population of greater than ~~nine~~
17 ~~hundred thousand (900,000)~~ five hundred thousand
18 (500,000) people according to the latest Federal
19 Decennial Census.

20 C. The Department may promulgate rules to limit accumulation of
21 clean wood waste or yard brush.

22 D. The burning of clean wood waste or yard brush shall not
23 create a public nuisance.
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1 E. The Department shall promulgate rules to carry out the
2 provisions of this section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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