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**Central Boiler Signs EPA Phase 2 Partnership Agreement –
EPA Event in Vermont Showcases Central Boiler's Next
Generation, Cleaner Wood Furnaces**

GREENBUSH, MN – Central Boiler recently signed the Phase 2 Partnership Agreement of the Hydronic Heater Program with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Central Boiler has two furnaces on the market that qualify for Phase 2 of the EPA Program, the E-Classic 2300 and the Maxim M250. The US EPA and Vermont Agency of Natural Resources hosted an open house where these two models were showcased. At the event the EPA and ANR highlighted this next generation of cleaner outdoor wood furnaces and announced the EPA Phase 2 Program.

The E-Classic 2300 is an outdoor wood furnace with exceptional performance and convenience. With an eight-hour average efficiency of over 85% and 160,000 Btu/hr heat output rating, it has the highest efficiency and highest heat output of EPA Phase 2 qualified stick wood models. This furnace is a highly efficient and powerful whole house heating option. The E-Classic's design optimizes secondary combustion which, when combined with the large firebox, allows the furnace to be filled less often. Because the furnace is located outside, it eliminates the hazards and mess associated with indoor heating appliances.

With an efficiency of over 95%, a heat output rating of over 212,000 Btu/hr and a heat output annual average emission level of only 0.06 lbs/million Btu, the Maxim M250 outdoor wood pellet and corn furnace has the highest efficiency, lowest emissions and highest heat output rating of all of the EPA Phase 2 qualified models. The furnace is highly efficient due to the design and self-modulating heat output that adjusts between

low, medium and high settings as the heat demand changes. The high efficiency allows the M250 to heat for a week on a single fuel load or longer with an optional hopper. The automatic power ignition and auto relight feature on the Maxim eliminate the need for hand starting or the use of starting gels. The Maxim M250 is located outside next to the home so it doesn't take up valuable indoor living space.

As a leader in the industry, Central Boiler was the first manufacturer to have a furnace that qualified for Phase 1 of the EPA program in 2007. Central Boiler's E-Classic 2300 was the first outdoor furnace to be certified by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and has been approved to meet Maine and New Hampshire's Phase II emissions limits. Central Boiler's Maxim wood pellet and corn furnace model line has also been approved to meet Maine's Phase II emissions limits. Central Boiler is manufacturing and distributing both of their EPA Phase 2 qualified furnaces. Already in its second year of production, thousands of E-Classic 2300 models have been sold.

Outdoor furnaces are popular because they offer both the safety of removing the combustion process from inside home and the convenience of longer burn times. They can be used with existing heating systems such as radiant floor, boiler or a forced-air furnace and also heat domestic water. No other type of wood heating appliance can offer all the advantages of an outdoor furnace.

Central Boiler is a leading manufacturer of quality outdoor wood, wood pellet and corn furnaces. They have been manufacturing outdoor furnaces since 1984. Central Boiler has a sales and dealer network established throughout the United States and Canada. For more information on the company and its products, please visit CentralBoiler.com.