Indeck Energy: Summer is the Time for Stove Maintenance

LADYSMITH, WI – (June 14, 2011) – Indeck Ladysmith, LLC, manufacturer of Indeck Energy Premium Grade Wood Pellets, is reminding wood pellet stove owners to maximize their appliance's efficiency by taking the time to properly clean and service their stoves during this off-season.

A well maintained wood pellet stove will produce more heat at a lower cost for the consumer, adding additional value to heating with wood pellet fuel.

"Indeck Energy knows that a wood pellet stove is a major investment," said Darren Winchester, Quality Manger, Indeck Ladysmith BioFuel Center. "By using Indeck Energy Premium Wood Pellets and completing the appropriate annual maintenance, you can be sure your stove is operating at full efficiency, reducing unplanned problems during the winter months."

Although each stove has unique requirements and consumers should consult their particular owner's manual, Pete Blaser, Product Line Manager for Cumberland Stove Works, located in Cumberland, Wis. recommends the following, general, annual maintenance tasks:

Venting System

The entire venting or chimney system should be cleaned and checked for debris and build-up.

Exhaust Chambers

Additional or "hidden" exhaust chambers should also be cleaned and checked for debris and build-up. Refer to your stove's owner's manual for specific details regarding exhaust chamber location and access.

Hopper and Auger Assembly

All unused fuel and debris should be removed from the hopper and auger assembly, minimizing the unit's exposure to moisture during the summer months.

Power Supply

The stove's power supply should be disconnected from its electrical source, protecting from potentially damaging voltage spikes resulting from summer lighting storms.

"Although many of these tasks could be completed by the consumer, I always recommend that stove owners contact their dealer or service center," said Blaser. "It is

easy to overlook some important annual service issues without that professional guidance."

For more information about Indeck Energy Premium Wood Pellets, please visit www.IndeckPellets.com.

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