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April 20, 2009

**RE: ADAMS COUNTY  
SITE - GENERAL  
30000850**

Mr. James Spears  
296 George Biely Road  
West Union, Ohio 45693

Dear Mr. Spears:

The Southeast District Office of the Ohio EPA received a complaint that open dumping of solid waste is occurring on your property located off George Biely Road, Adams County, Ohio.

I conducted an inspection of the property on April 16, 2009. I observed solid waste dumped on the back part of the property in a sinkhole full of water. I was accompanied by Jason Work with the Adams County Health Department on this inspection. The house where you resided on this property has burned.

Open dumping of solid waste is a violation of Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Specifically:

ORC 3734.03 - No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open dumping or open burning.

OAC 3745-27-05(C) - No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping. In the event that open dumping is occurring or has occurred at a property, the person responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person who allows or allowed open dumping to occur, shall promptly remove and dispose or otherwise manage the solid waste in accordance with Chapter 3734, of the Revised Code, and shall submit verification that the solid waste has been properly managed.

ORC 6111.04(A)(1) - No person shall cause pollution or place or cause to be placed any sewage, sludge, sludge materials, industrial waste, or other wastes in a location where they cause pollution of any waters of the state.

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Open dumping of solid waste must cease immediately. All solid wastes disposed at the described location must be removed from the property and taken to a licensed solid waste disposal facility or recycled. Obtain copies of receipts from the landfill or recycling facility that received the waste and provide those copies to this district office in order to document your compliance. Please respond to this district office within ten days of receipt of this letter to inform me of your intentions and actions regarding the open dumping.

Compliance with the requirements outlined in this letter, or the solid and infectious waste provisions contained in ORC Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated there under, does not relieve the owner of his obligation to comply with other applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.

Should you have questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5246.

Sincerely,



Clint Shuff, R.S.  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management

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cc: Jason Work, Adams County Health Department