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**RE: ADAMS COUNTY
SITE - GEN
30000633**

Mr. Tim Peterson
417 West Front Street
Manchester, Ohio 45144

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Southeast District Office of Ohio EPA received a complaint that open dumping of solid waste and demolition debris is occurring on property located in Manchester, Adams County, Ohio. I conducted an inspection of the property on October 30, 2008. I was informed that demolition debris from a burnt structure has been buried on your property and that solid wastes were piled on the banks of the Ohio River on your property.

I met with you on this day to discuss the issue. I observed solid wastes piled along the Ohio River on your property. You stated that you were separating solid wastes from metal and that you would dispose of the solid waste at this location at an approved landfill and recycle the scrap metal. I also observed an area that had recently been excavated by two rental properties that you own. I received photographs of demolition debris being buried at this location. You stated that you buried some material at this site and requested a definition of demolition debris.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-400-01(F) - Construction and demolition debris or "debris" means those materials resulting from the alterations, construction, destruction, rehabilitation, or repair of any manmade physical structure, including, without limitation, houses, buildings, industrial or commercial facilities, or roadways.

This would include these types of debris that may have been buried on your property, wood studs, plywood, drywall, and roofing shingles.

Open dumping of solid waste is a violation of Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Section 3745-27 and 3745-400 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Specifically:

ORC 3734.03 - No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open dumping or open burning. Photographs indicate open burning of wastes on your property and the wastes dumped on the ground and piled up by the Ohio River is considered open dumping.

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.

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OAC 3745-400-04(B) - No person shall conduct or allow illegal disposal of construction and demolition debris.

This would be the debris that you buried by the rental properties.

Presently, you are in violation of the above referenced rules.

Open dumping of solid waste and demolition debris must cease immediately. All solid wastes disposed at the described location and demolition debris that was buried must be removed from the property and taken to a licensed solid waste disposal facility for proper disposal. Obtain copies of receipts from the landfill that received the waste and provide those copies to this District Office in order to document your compliance. I suggest that you obtain the services of a registered waste hauler to assist you in your waste disposal.

The disposal facilities located nearest to you in Ohio is the Pike Sanitation Landfill at 11775 State Route 220, Waverly, Ohio; the Rumpke Landfill in Georgetown, Ohio; the Portsmouth Exempt Transfer Station, located on Elm Street in Portsmouth, Ohio. You may choose to use other permitted and licensed facilities.

I have included photographs of the property as you requested.

I am requesting that you respond to me at this District Office within ten days of receipt of this letter to notify me of your intentions and actions taken to abate 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 thereunder,~~ does not relieve the owner of his obligation to comply with other 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