



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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Re: Notice of Violation  
Defiance County

August 2, 2007

Mr. Douglas Stairhime  
05390 State Route 18  
Hicksville, Ohio 43526

Dear Mr. Stairhime:

On July 9, 2007, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Northwest District Office, received a complaint regarding your property located at 05390 State Route 18, Defiance County, Hicksville, Ohio. On July 17, 2007, a drive-by inspection of the property you own or otherwise control located at 05390 State Route 18, Defiance County, Hicksville, Ohio was performed. I represented Ohio EPA during the inspection and you were not present for the inspection. Listed below are the results of the inspection.

Solid waste, in the form of household garbage, was noted in a trailer in front of the house. Some of the solid waste had blown out of the trailer and was scattered on your property and on the neighbor's property. Solid waste placed on or into the ground constitutes open dumping.

The open dumping prohibition within Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-05(C) states, "No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping." Ohio Revised Code (ORC) § 3734.03 states in part, "No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping, except as authorized by the director of environmental protection..." Therefore, you are in violation of the OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) and ORC § 3734.03 for open dumping of solid waste.

Please respond within seven days indicating the scattered solid waste will be picked-up and properly disposed and the solid waste inside the trailer will be taken to a licensed sanitary landfill. Failure to show progress toward the cleanup may subject you to escalated enforcement. Ohio EPA will be conducting periodic inspections to verify the clean-up was completed and that future solid waste accumulations are being managed properly.

This correspondence addresses specific observations noted only for the areas of the property that were inspected. Nothing present in, or absent from this correspondence is intended to imply that no other violations existed at the property during the inspection.

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Compliance with the requirements outlined in this letter, or the solid and infectious waste provisions contained in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder, does not relieve you from your obligations to comply with other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Please call me at (419) 373-3126 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*Michael A. Reiser*

Michael A. Reiser, R.S.

Environmental Supervisor

Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management

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pc: Kim Moss, Defiance County Health Commissioner

File: Defiance County, Dump Sites