



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**Northwest District Office**

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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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Re: Putnam County  
Open Dumping Notice of Violation

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**7006 0100 0004 1318 4368**

May 22, 2008

Mr. and Ms. Robert and Sarah Gray  
640 E. Holmes Street, Lot 23  
Deshler Ohio, 43516-1359

Dear Mr. and Ms. Gray:

On April 16, 2008, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) conducted an inspection at your property. The address for this property is 700 W. Main Street, Belmore, Ohio. The parcel number for this property is 60-045190. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance in accordance with Chapter 3745-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). I have enclosed the pictures from our inspection for your reference.

Present for the inspection was Mrs. Laura Gulker representing the Putnam County Health Department and myself representing Ohio EPA. A large pile of solid waste was observed on the northern portion of your property, north of your residence. The solid waste included carpet, furniture, a mattress, a toilet, and other miscellaneous solid waste.

OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) states, 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(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow 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.

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.03 states, No person shall dispose of solid waste by open burning or open dumping, except as authorized by the director of environmental protection in rules adopted in accordance with division (V) of section 3734.01, section 3734.02, or sections 3734.70 to 3734.73 of the Revised Code and except for burying or burning the body of a dead animal as authorized by section 941.14 of the Revised Code. No person shall dispose of treated or untreated infectious waste by open burning or open dumping.

Placement of the above referenced items onto or into the ground constitutes open dumping. You, as the owner of the property, are in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) and ORC Section 3734.03 for open dumping.

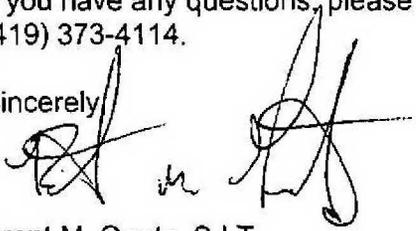
**You will continue to be in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) and ORC Section 3734.03 for open dumping of solid waste at your property until all waste materials are removed.**

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Please respond, in writing, within 7 days from receipt of this notice of violation. The response shall include a complete schedule for removing solid waste from the aforementioned property for proper disposal. **Please note the copies of receipts shall be submitted to Ohio EPA in order to document proper disposal.** Please submit this response and documentation to my attention at: 347 North Dunbridge Rd. Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office (419) 373-4114.

Sincerely



Brent M. Goetz, S.I.T.  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management

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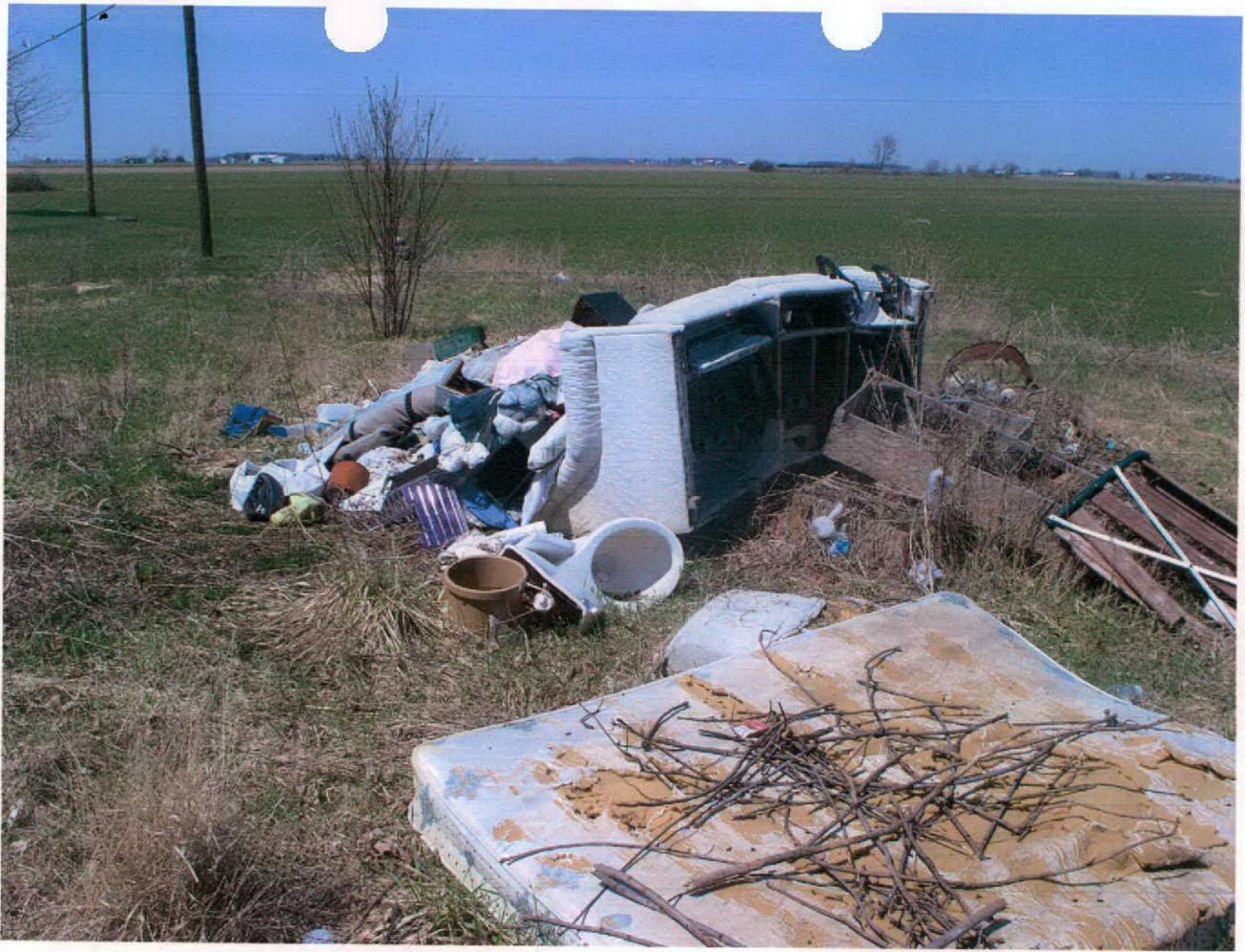
Enclosure

pc: Laura Gulker R.S., Putnam County Health Department  
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Robert Gray residence, April 16, 2008, facing northwest towards a large amount of miscellaneous solid waste located in the northern portion of the property. Photo Taken by Brent M. Goetz