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May 14, 2009

**RE: HARRISON COUNTY
SITE - GENERAL**

Mr. Ivan Vale
87101 Vale Road
Jewett, Ohio 43986-9771

Dear Mr. Vale:

Please be advised that the Southeast District Office of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received a complaint that open dumping of solid waste is occurring on property owned by you. The illegal dump site is located on property located at Hanover Ridge Road and Vale Road, Archer Township, Harrison County, Ohio.

In response to the complaint, I conducted an inspection of this property on May 6, 2009. During my inspection, I observed a large amount of solid waste consisting of general household trash, scrap tires and various kinds of scrap metal illegally disposed of at this location. In addition, a large volume of demolition debris was also observed.

Records at the Harrison County Court House in Cadiz list you as the legal property owner. In accordance with Ohio law, as the legal property owner, you are ultimately responsible for any illegal actions that take place on your property. This could include the cleanup of the above referenced illegal dump.

Please be advised that open dumping of solid waste is a violation of ORC Chapter 3734.03 and OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C). In addition, the illegal disposal of C&DD is a violation of Chapter 3714 of the ORC and Chapter 3745-400 of the OAC. Specifically:

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

OAC Rule 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(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.

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

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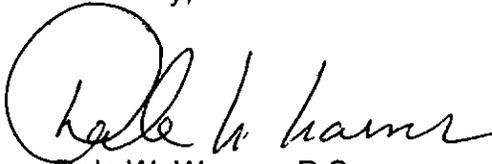
Therefore, you are currently in violation of ORC Chapter 3734.03 and OAC Rules 3745-27-05(C) and 3745-400-04(D).

In addition, open dumping of solid waste may create a nuisance and/or health hazard, and as such may be considered by the Harrison County Board of Health to be in violation of Section 3707.01 of Ohio's Public Health Nuisance Law. Enforcement of this statute remains at their discretion.

Open dumping of solid wastes on your Hanover Ridge Road property should cease immediately. All solid waste and C&DD should be removed from the property and taken to a licensed disposal facility for proper disposal. Please obtain copies of receipts from the approved disposal facility that receives the waste and provide copies to this district office in order to document your compliance.

Please respond to this letter, in writing, within 15 days detailing your intentions and actions taken to comply with Ohio's solid waste regulations and laws. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5408.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dale W. Warner". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Dale W. Warner, R.S.
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Solid and Infectious Waste

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cc: Harrison County Health Department