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December 5, 2008

**RE: LAWRENCE COUNTY
SITE - GENERAL
30000673**

Mr. Robert Dudding
31 Ridgeview Drive
Hiddenite, North Carolina 28636

Dear Mr. Dudding:

The Southeast District Office of Ohio EPA received a complaint that open dumping and burning of solid waste is occurring on property off County Road 6, behind a mobile home, in Deering, Lawrence County, Ohio.

I conducted an inspection of the property on December 3, 2008. I observed solid waste dumped and burned along the side of the creek bank, and into the creek behind a mobile home. No one was home on this inspection. Property records obtained at the Lawrence County Courthouse indicate that you may be the property owner. This may also be property that you are renting.

Open dumping and burning 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).

You are in violation of the following rules:

ORC Section 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 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.

Open dumping and burning 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 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. Please respond to this District Office within 15 days of receipt of this letter to inform me of your intentions and actions taken to achieve compliance. I suggest that you obtain the services of a registered waste hauler to assist you in your waste management.

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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 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: Lawrence County Health Department
cc: Dan Palmer, Lawrence and Scioto County Solid Waste Management District
cc: Cindy Charles, Portsmouth Local Air Authority