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**RE: SCIOTO COUNTY
SITE - GENERAL
30000310**

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hiles
3393 B Tatman Coe Road
McDermott, OH 45652

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hiles:

The Southeast District Office of Ohio EPA received a complaint that open dumping of solid waste is occurring on property off of Tatman Coe Road in Scioto County, Ohio.

I conducted an inspection of the property on May 28, 2008. I was accompanied by Bob Stern, Litter Control Officer with the Lawrence and Scioto County Solid waste Management District. I observed solid waste dumped on your property including approximately 150 scrap tires and gas tanks. We met with you on this day to discuss the open dumping and the solid waste violations.

Under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734.01(E) and Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-01(S)(6) "solid waste" includes scrap tires.

Scrap tires must be properly stored and managed in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-60. Improper storage of scrap tires is considered open dumping of solid waste and is a violation of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Improper storage of scrap tires poses several potential problems for the local residents, environment, and the emergency crews in the area. Scrap tires provide an optimal breeding ground for mosquitoes. Mosquitoes identified at tire piles in Ohio can carry St. Louis Encephalitis, La Crosse Encephalitis, Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever and West Nile Virus.

Scrap tire fires are a source of air pollution and can cause respiratory problems for those that breathe the smoke. Tire fires are also difficult for emergency crews to extinguish.

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

1. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-27-60(B), the storage of scrap tires in any amount outside or inside a trailer, vehicle, or building shall be deemed a nuisance, a hazard to public health or safety or a fire hazard unless the tires are stored in accordance with specific standards set forth under Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-60(B)(1) through (10).

Scrap tires are dumped and burned on the ground.

The law requires control of disease vectors related to any storage of scrap tires.

(OAC) 3745-27-60(B)(8)(a) and (b), the following must be done to control mosquito populations: (1) remove liquids from the scrap tires and immediately store the scrap tires such that water does not accumulate in scrap tires or containers, or (2) apply or arrange for the application of a pesticide or larvicide, which is registered for use for mosquito control by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, at no greater than (30) day intervals or as recommended by the manufacturer or formulator. The failure to control mosquito populations presents a threat to human health and safety.

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It appears that no mosquito control is being conducted by you; this is a violation.

2. 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.

Solid wastes and scrap tires are dumped and burnt on the ground; this is a violation.

3. Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734.03 states in part, "No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping."

Solid wastes and scrap tires are dumped on the ground on your property; this is a violation.

4. OAC 3745-27-54(A) No person shall transport scrap tires in the state of Ohio without first obtaining an annual registration certificate.

You are not registered with Ohio EPA to transport scrap tires.

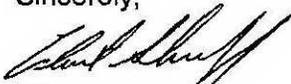
Presently, you are in violation of the above referenced rules.

Open dumping 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 fifteen 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.

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.
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cc: Mike Trapp, Scioto County Health Department
cc: Dan Palmer, Lawrence and Scioto County Solid Waste Management District