





Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
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Re: Allen County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation

December 29, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL

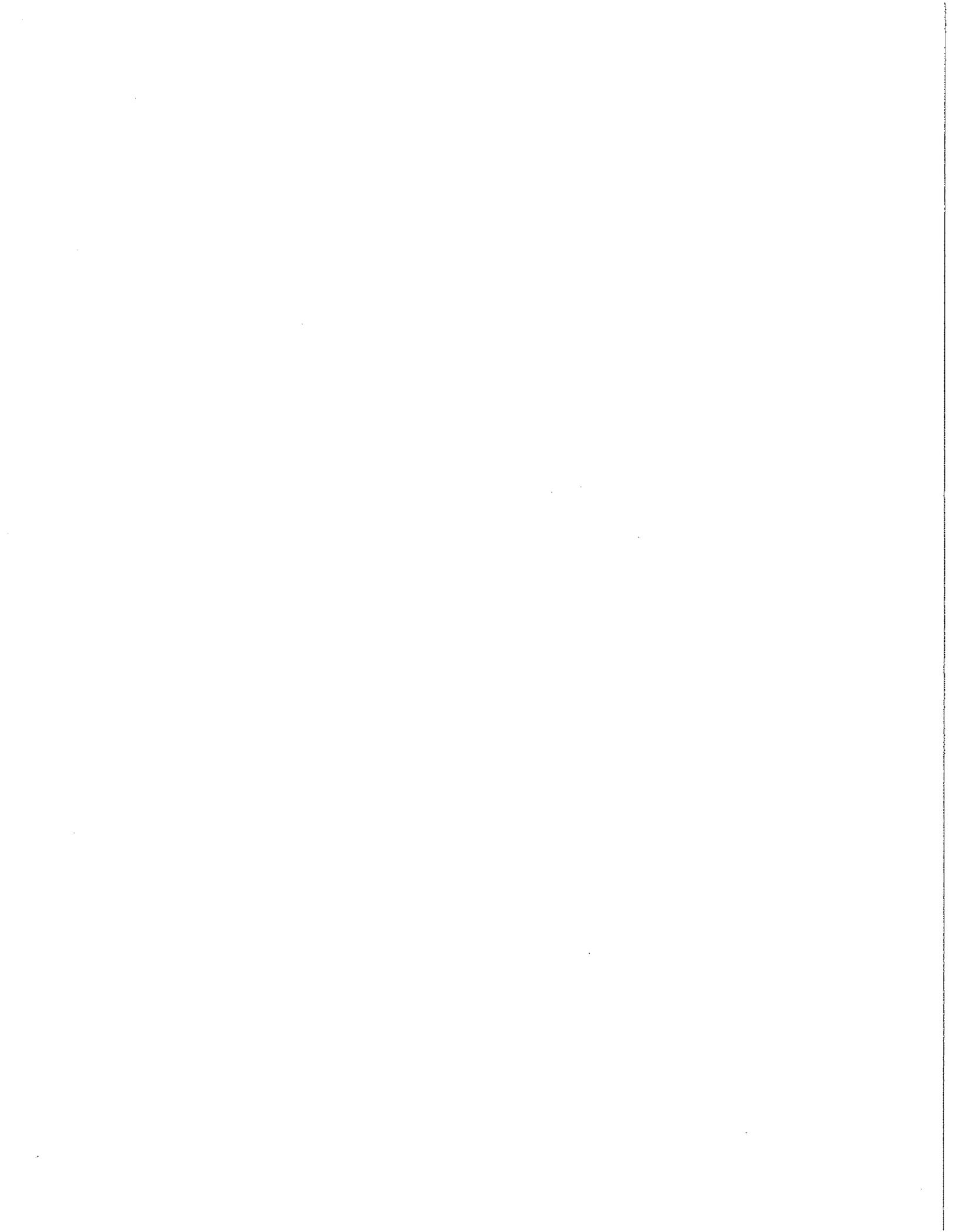
Mr. Colby Bowman
Artisan Finish Solutions
4690 Sandy Point Road
Elida, Ohio 45807

Dear Mr. Bowman:

This office received a complaint on December 21, 2011, concerning open burning being conducted on property you rent at 5510 North West Street in Lima, Ohio. My investigation, conducted on December 22, 2011, shows the following materials were burned, or were to be burned, for disposal on the property: a console television, sofa sleeper/couch, two (2) mattresses, lamps, end table, household trash with plastics, construction and demolition debris, cardboard, clothing, home electronics, fiberglass insulation, steel cans, aluminum cans, aerosol cans and glass bottles. This occurred within 1000' of adjacent residences in an unrestricted area.

Based on these findings, there is sufficient evidence to determine that illegal open burning did occur and the complaint is justified. This is a violation of OAC rule 3745-19-04(A). It should also be noted that while on site it was observed that you are operating a coating operation where miscellaneous wood parts have finishing products applied. This type of operation is typically regulated by Ohio EPA and further information will be requested by Mr. Jeff Skebba of this office, as he is the Division of Air Pollution Control representative for Allen County and handles all industrial sources of air pollution in that area.

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review. Please provide a written response acknowledging your receipt of this letter and your understanding of the rules. If you do not understand the rules please contact this office for additional explanation before responding. Your response is requested no later than January 13, 2012.

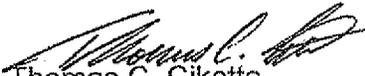


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Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3137 or e-mail at thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,


Thomas C. Cikotte
Division of Air Pollution Control

/llr

Enclosure

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