



Environmental  
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Allen County  
Open Burning Complaint  
**Notice of Violation**

December 29, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL

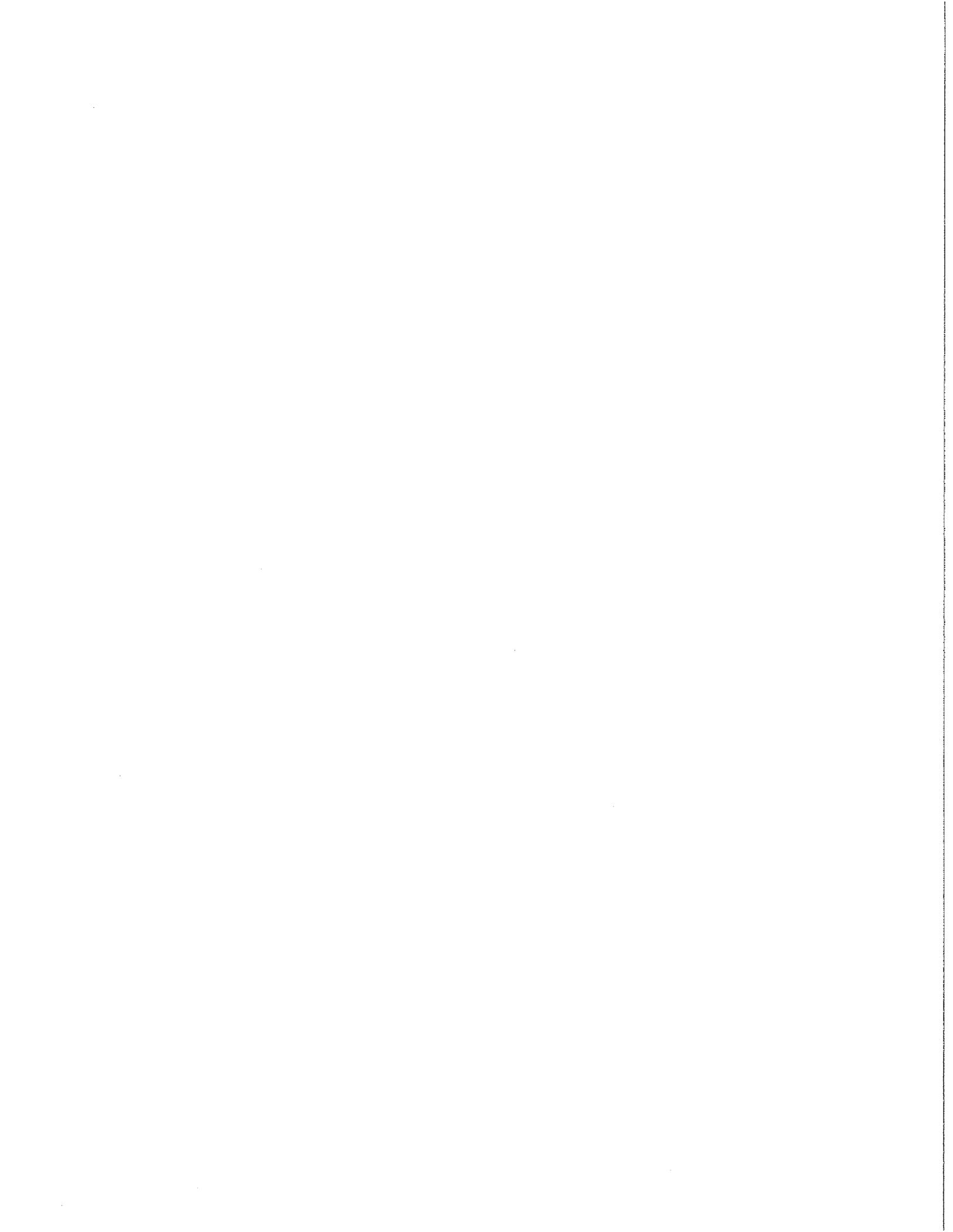
Robert & Vicki Reindel  
Property Owners  
21603 State Route 697  
Delphos, Ohio 45833

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Reindel:

This office received a complaint on December 21, 2011, concerning open burning being conducted at 5510 North West Street in Lima, Ohio, for which you are the registered owners. The property is occupied by a Mr. Colby Bowman who operates a business called Artisan Finish Solutions at that location. My investigation, conducted on December 22, 2011, shows the following materials were burned, or were to be burned, for disposal: 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).

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review because you, as the property owner, may be held liable for current and future violations. It is your responsibility to clearly communicate the open burning rules to your tenants and it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure that future violations do not occur on your property. 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](mailto:thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,

  
Thomas C. Cikotte  
Division of Air Pollution Control

/l/r

Enclosure

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