





**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Erie County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation

December 20, 2011

Certified Mail 7009 1410 0001 1834 0616

Ms. Barbara L. Wooldridge
Property Owner
14106 Mason Road
Vermilion, Ohio 44089

Dear Ms. Wooldridge:

This office received a complaint on December 13, 2011, concerning open burning being conducted on your property. My investigation, conducted on December 15, 2011, shows household trash including plastics, cardboard products, paper products and aluminum foil were burned for disposal purposes 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. 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 9, 2012.

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

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Enclosure

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