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September 3, 2008

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Teddy Rice  
2742 State Route 559  
Mechanicsburg, Ohio 43044

**Warning Letter**

Dear Mr. Teddy Rice:

The Southwest District Office of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency received a complaint about the open burning at your residence 2542 State Route 559 in Champaign County.

On August 28, 2008, this office conducted an open burning complaint investigation at your residence, in Champaign County. During that investigation, we discovered burn piles at your residence. These piles included materials of house hold trash, steel cans, grass clipping and house debris. These burn piles constitute violations of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-19-04, which regulates open burning outside restricted areas.

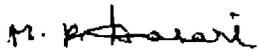
You are requested to immediately halt all illegal open burning at your residence.

Please be aware that future violations of the OAC air pollution rules may result in this case being referred to our Central Office for enforcement action. The Ohio EPA reserves the right, pursuant to Chapters 3745-19-03, and 3745-19-04 of the Ohio Revised Code and any other applicable state or federal laws or regulations to seek civil and/or criminal action, reimbursement of response costs and any other appropriate legal or equitable relief for any violation of law.

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If you have any additional questions and concerns about open burning or air pollution regulations, please feel free to contact me at (937) 285-6110.

Sincerely,



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