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**RE: BELMONT COUNTY
SITE - SOMERSET T.R. 4 DUMP**

Herbert Campbell
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Dear Sirs:

As you recall, I informed you by letters dated April 7 and July 24, 2006, that the Southeast District Office of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had received a complaint that open dumping of solid waste is occurring on property owned you. The illegal dump site is located on the east side of Somerset Township Road (T.R.) 4, approximately 1.2 miles south of the intersection of State Route 379 and T.R. 4, Belmont County, Ohio.

Please be advised that on October 11, 2007, I conducted a follow up inspection of your T.R. 4 property. During my recent inspection, I observed a large amount of solid waste consisting of general household trash that continues to be illegally disposed of on your property. As stated in my previous letter, records at the Belmont County Court House in St. Clairsville list you as the legal property owners. In accordance with Ohio law, as legal property owners, you are ultimately responsible for any illegal actions that take place on your property. This could include the cleanup of the above referenced illegal dump.

I would again like to inform you open dumping of solid waste is a violation of ORC Chapter 3734.03 and OAC Rule 3745-27-05. Specifically:

ORC Chapter 3734.03 - No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open dumping or open burning.

OAC Rule 3745-27-05 - 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(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow 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.

Therefore, you are currently in violation of ORC Chapter 3734.03 and OAC Rule 3745-27-05.

Solid waste has been disposed of in a stream located at the dump site. Please be advised that this surface water stream is considered waters of the State of Ohio. The solid wastes that have been illegally dumped along and in the stream represents a violation of ORC 6111.04, which states, in part, that no person shall cause pollution or place or cause to be placed any sewage, industrial waste, or other wastes in a location where they cause pollution of any waters of the state, and any such action is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Therefore, you are currently in violation of ORC 6111.04

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You are also in violation of ORC 3767.13(B) which states that no person shall cause or allow offal, filth, or noisome substances to be collected or remain in any place to the damage or prejudice of others or of the public.

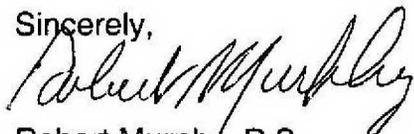
In addition, open dumping of solid waste may create a nuisance and/or health hazard, and as such may be considered by the Belmont County Board of Health to be in violation of Section 3707.01 of Ohio's Public Health Nuisance Law. Enforcement of this statute remains at their discretion.

Open dumping of solid wastes on your T.R. 4 Road property should cease immediately. All solid waste should be removed from the property and taken to a licensed disposal facility for proper disposal. Please obtain copies of receipts from the approved disposal facility that receives the waste and provide copies to this District Office in order to document your compliance. Please be aware that, the above cited violations will continue to accrue daily until such time as the solid wastes illegally dumped at the above referenced location are removed and taken to licensed solid waste facility for proper disposal.

My previous letters to you requested that you please respond in writing detailing your intentions and actions taken to comply with Ohio's solid waste regulations and laws. To date, I have not received a response to my previous letters. Therefore, I am again requesting that you respond to this letter, in writing, within fifteen (15) days, detailing your intentions and actions taken to comply with Ohio's solid waste regulations and laws.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5408.

Sincerely,



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cc: Harold Vermillion, Belmont County Health Department