



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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June 1, 2011

**RE: BELMONT COUNTY
SITE - GENERAL**

Mr. Charles Ruff
66390 Warnock Rd
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Dear Mr. Ruff:

On May 10, 2011, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency investigated a complaint concerning property you own located at 53377 Wegee Road in Belmont County. This complaint alleged the open dumping of solid waste on this property. I observed the accumulation of tires, furniture, and large quantities of shingles on your property that could potentially impact Wegee Creek.

You are in violation of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) chapters 3734.03, 6111.04 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-27-05(C).

ORC 3734.03 states in part:

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

ORC 6111.04 states in part:

ORC 6111.04 - No person shall cause pollution or place wastes in a location where they cause pollution of any waters of the state.

OAC 3745-27-05(C) states:

OAC 3745-27-05(C) - No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping.

Improper storage of scrap tires poses several potential problems for the local residents, environment, and emergency crews in the area. Scrap tires provide an optimal breeding ground for mosquitoes. Mosquitoes identified at tire piles in Ohio can carry St. Louis Encephalitis, La Crosse Encephalitis, Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever and West Nile Virus.

Scrap tire fires are a source of air pollution and can cause respiratory problems for those that breathe the smoke. Tire fires are also difficult for emergency crews to extinguish.

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Ohio law requires that anyone removing scrap tires for disposal must take the tires to either a licensed or registered scrap tire collection, recovery or disposal facility. Anyone transporting more than ten (10) scrap tires must be registered with Ohio EPA as a Scrap Tire Transporter. The other solid waste (furniture, trash bags, etc.) must also be removed from the above-mentioned property and disposed of at either a licensed solid waste disposal facility or taken to a legitimate recycling facility. Copies of receipts for disposal or recycling should be submitted to this office for proof of disposal.

Please respond to this correspondence within 14 days of receipt. Your response should include details of your actions taken to properly dispose or recycle the current waste on your property.

If you have any questions, please contact me at this office. You can reach me either by mail or by calling me at (740) 380-5228.

Sincerely,



Erika Jackson
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