





**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Hancock County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation

February 13, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Robert & Paulette Wildman
Property Owners
7770 Wildwood Road
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wildman:

This office received a complaint on February 6, 2012, concerning open burning being conducted on your property. My investigation, conducted on February 8, 2012, shows, per your admission, household wastes, landscape wastes and paper products were burned for disposal purposes within 1000' of adjacent inhabited structures in a restricted 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 3745-19-03(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 February 27, 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.

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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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