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January 23, 2009

Re: Monroe County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000728

Certified: 70073020000178821787

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gehrig
38203 Gehrig Road
Woodsfield, Ohio 43793

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gehrig:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaints received by this office on January 7 and 14, 2009. The complaints allege that your tenants are open burning plastics, diapers, garbage and other solid wastes that are hauled to your property at 49901 Grizzle Ridge Road, Jerusalem.

On January 13, 2009, I investigated this complaint and spoke Mr. and Mrs. Lemon. There was a fire in the burn barrel at the time of my inspection. The barrel was almost full with ashes. This indicates that there has been a considerable amount of open burning at this location. I also observed where Styrofoam and part of a water bed had been open burned. The Lemons told me that they now have trash pickup and do not haul any wastes to this property from off site to be burned.

As I explained to the Lemons at the time of my visit, plastics, diapers, Styrofoam, garbage, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. No wastes that are hauled in to a property can be open burned. The open burning improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If your tenants continue to open burn improper waste materials on your property, legal action may be taken against you as the property owners.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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