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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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December 21, 2009

Re: Tuscarawas County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001200

Certified: 70073020000178848029

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Daft  
612 Cornet Ave.  
Port Washington, Ohio 43837

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Daft:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 30, 2009. The complaint alleges that you have been burning leaves, brush, a tree stump and grass at your property on Cornet Avenue.

On December 2, 2009, I investigated this complaint. I attempted to speak to you, but no one would answer the door. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Evidence of the open burning of a stump and yard wastes was observed.

On December 3, 2009, I spoke to both of you by phone and explained Ohio's open burning rules. Your property is located in a restricted area. Yard wastes, tree stumps, grass, leaves, etc. cannot be open burned in a restricted area. You are permitted to have cookouts or campfires using clean, dry fire wood if the burn area is no larger than two feet by three feet in diameter.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-03 must stop immediately. I am enclosing a copy of this rule for you. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location, legal action may be taken against you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure