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Re: Tuscarawas County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000861

Mr. and Mrs. Haas
6504 Baertown Road
Dover, Ohio 44622

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Haas:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 27, 2009. The complaint alleges that you are open burning waste materials in a barrel and an outdoor fireplace in the backyard of your home.

On April 28 and May 18, 2009, I investigated this complaint and left my business card and a pamphlet which describes Ohio's open burning laws in your front door with a note asking you to call me. Your property is located in an unrestricted area as defined in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-19-01. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, etc., the fire must be located in an area that is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your property is not 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor; therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste on this property. You may still have a cookout fire or campfire if you use clean, dry, firewood. The wood cannot be painted, varnished, pressure treated or demolition waste. The campfire or cookout fire must be no larger than two feet high by three feet wide.

The open burning of residential waste on this property would be in violation of OAC rule 3745-19-04. I need to meet with you to inspect the burn site to determine what types of materials are being burned.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we can discuss this complaint.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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