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May 3, 2007

Re: Tuscarawas County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070145

Certified: 70063450000190545652

Mr. Leonard Haines
2416 SE Arthur St.
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Dear Mr. Haines:

I am writing this letter in response to a report from the New Philadelphia Fire Department. The complaint indicates that you were open burning wire in a barrel at your home.

On April 24, 2007, I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation and I left a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules and my card in your door. The open burning of plastic-coated copper wire or any type of plastics is not permitted in Ohio.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a maximum fine of up to \$25,000 per day per violation. All open burning in violation of OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

I am requesting a written response from you, within 10 days of receipt of this letter, that includes a commitment from you to stop open burning in violation of OAC rule 3745-19-04. The Ohio EPA has the authority to seek civil penalties as provided in section 3704.06 of the requirements specified in Ohio Revised Code. The determination to pursue or to decline to pursue such penalties in this case will be made by Ohio EPA at a later date.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the local health department. The information within this letter can be evaluated by local health department and further investigation may be initiated if it appears violations within their jurisdiction have occurred.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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cc: The Tuscarawas County Health Dept., P.O. Box 443, Dover, Ohio 44622