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Paul H. Smith
1147 McKinley Ave SW
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Re: ILLEGAL OPEN BURNING ON YOUR PROPERTY IN MCKINLEY TOWNSHIP

The Canton City Health Department, Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) represents the Ohio EPA in air quality matters within Stark County. As such, APCD employees have the authority to investigate and enforce Ohio EPA (OEPA) air pollution regulations.

On Monday March 12, 2012 at 0237 Hrs, Canton Fire Department Truck 1 was at your address after viewing a large debris pile burning on your property. They reported also that they had been there the previous afternoon for the same problem.

I was at the site on Friday, March 16 at approximately 3:30 pm and observed the burn area, which I measured to be 20 feet in diameter. We discussed the matter and I pointed out that burning for waste disposal is prohibited by the Ohio EPA (Administrative Code Rule 3745-19-03). You stated to me that you had recently moved into the residence and was in the process of cleaning up the property and this burn area was one of the areas to be cleaned. You also stated that the second fire was set by juveniles in the neighborhood. I suggested that high priority be given to the debris pile cleanup so as to avoid having an attractive nuisance to the local juveniles.

I copy the Canton Police Department so that they can be aware of potential late night juvenile activity in your neighborhood.

Open burning for recreational fires, such as cookouts are permitted by both the Ohio EPA and the City of Canton. I enclose a copy of OAC Rule 3745-19-03 for your reference. Please be aware that the City has stricter rules on recreational fires. I enclose a copy of the City's Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Clark, CHMM, CAHES
Air Pollution Control Engineer

Enclosure: OAC 3745-19-03, Canton City Cooking Fire Ordinance

cc: Addressee Via First Class Mail
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Canton Police Department, 221 Third Street S.W. Canton, OH 44702
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