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Re: Athens County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001148

Certified: 70073020000178847756

Mr. Greg Beha  
19431 Taylor Ridge Road  
Glouster, Ohio 45732-9258

Dear Mr. Beha:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 21, 2009. The complaint alleges that demolition wastes are being hauled to your property on Houston Road in Glouster and burned.

On October 21, 2009 I investigated this complaint and spoke to your tenant, Ms. Becky Cupler. She told me that her husband had hauled the wastes to the property. Evidence of the open burning of wood and other demolition wastes was observed. As I explained to her at that time, demolition wastes cannot be open burned in Ohio. Any type of waste material that is hauled in to a property cannot be open burned for disposal purposes. Painted, treated or varnished wood cannot be burned for waste disposal, heating purposes, cookouts or campfires.

I spoke to you by phone when I returned to my office on October 21, 2009 and explained the situation and Ohio EPA's open burning restrictions to you. Open burning of improper waste materials at the Houston Road location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I had left a pamphlet in the front door at your home that further explains Ohio EPA's open burning regulations. As the property owner, you can be held legally responsible for the illegal burning on your property. You told me that you would talk to your tenants about the burning.

Your assistance in helping to resolve this situation is appreciated.

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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