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Re: Athens County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000667

Certified: 70073020000178821619

Mr. Ralph Stover
7250 McGuer Road
Guysville, Ohio 45735-9610

Dear Mr. Stover:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 18, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning bark and wood wastes from your fire wood business on McGuer Road.

On December 10, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you by phone. Evidence of the open burning of a small amount of wood was observed along the concrete retaining wall. You told me that you had burned some wood while working outside to keep warm.

The open burning of wood for warmth of outdoor workers is permitted in Ohio. The fire must be kept to a reasonable size. The size of the fire you had does not appear to be overly large. The burn area was small and there was not much ash.

I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules with the section referring to warmth of outdoor workers highlighted. The open burning you conducted for warmth of outdoor workers does not appear to be in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-19-04.

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