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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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November 13, 2008

Re: Athens County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000603

Certified: 70063450000190562505

Mr. and Mrs. Coon  
P.O. Box 288  
5659 Hamill Road  
The Plains, Ohio 45780

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Coon:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 14, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning trash and household wastes at your home on Hamill Road, in Albany.

On November 5, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to Mr. Eddy Anderson. I left my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules with Mr. Anderson and asked him to have one of you call me. Evidence of the open burning of plastics, garbage, trash, and other solid wastes was observed behind the shed, near the trailers. Plastics, garbage, tires, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. To open burn residential wastes such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your burn site is not 1,000 feet from your neighbors. However, because your property is located in a restricted area and there is no location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential waste on this property.

Open burning improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

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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