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March 27, 2007

RE: Athens County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070080

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Mr. and Mrs. Hughie McCune
15868 Railroad Street
Millfield, Ohio 45761

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McCune:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 16, 2007. The complaint alleges that someone is burning waste materials, including copper wire, on property located near the corner of Railroad and Main Streets, Millfield, Ohio. On March 19, 2007, I investigated the complaint and spoke with Ms. Juanita McCune. She did not know about anyone open burning. However, I did observe a debris pile of waste materials with a tire rim where someone had been burning near Ms. McCune's mobile home. I left a brochure about open burning and my business card with Ms. McCune.

The open burning of wastes containing plastics, rubber, grease, garbage, asphalt, or plastic coated wires is not permitted in Ohio. The open burning of residential waste (i.e., paper, cardboard, etc.), landscape or wood wastes is only permitted, if you are more than one thousand feet from an inhabited residence. The site where the burning is being conducted is not more than one thousand feet from inhabited residences. Therefore, residential waste materials cannot be burned at any of the properties along Main or Railroad Streets in Millfield. Continuing to open burn any improper waste materials at this site is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC Chapter 3745-19 must stop immediately.

Open burning improper waste materials is prohibited due to the location of your property and due to the adverse health impacts to people, especially children and the elderly, who may have breathing problems such as asthma, allergies or emphysema. The burning causes the waste materials to be reduced to small particles and toxic gases that are released at ground level where the particles are breathed into the lungs of anyone near the burning site. If the open burning of improper waste materials continues or you allow open burning to be conducted on your property, legal action may be taken.

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

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Enclosed is a copy of OAC Chapter 3745-19 (Open Burning Standards) and a brochure about the hazards of open burning. Please contact me at (740) 380-5229 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Clay
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

cc: Athens County Health Department
The Chauncey-Dover Fire Department