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Re: Athens County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000703

Mr. Mike Osborne
8005 State Route 356
New Marshfield, Ohio 45766-9788

Dear Mr. Osborne:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on December 23, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning trash at your home.

On December 31, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of trash, wood, and household wastes was observed in your backyard. You told me that you do have trash pickup.

To open burn residential wastes such as paper, leaves, cardboard, tree trimmings, etc., your property must be located in an unrestricted area (your property is in an unrestricted area) and be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your property and the burn site are not 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbors. Therefore, you cannot open burn residential wastes on this property.

Open burning improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action will be taken against you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
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