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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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December 5, 2007

Re: Athens County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000020

Certified: 70063450000190561744

Ms. Kay Skinner  
19730 State Route 13 N  
P.O. Box 57  
Glouster, Ohio 45732

Dear Ms. Skinner:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 16, 2007. The complaint alleges that you frequently open burn various types of solid wastes at your home on Lake Drive (State Route 13).

On December 3, 2007, I investigated this complaint and left a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your side door. You were not at home at the time of my investigation. A burn barrel and brush pile was observed in your backyard, near the railroad tracks. Because your property is in a restricted area (not more than 1,000 feet outside the municipal corporation limit of Glouster), you cannot open burn residential wastes at your home. Residential wastes include paper, leaves, wood, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc.

Open burning of this type 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 rule 3745-19-03 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 as soon as possible so that we can discuss this issue.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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