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Re: Coshocton County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001554

Mr. and Mrs. Al McCormick
22881 Township Road 1077
West Lafayette, Ohio 43845-1076

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McCormick:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 19, 2010. The complaint alleges that you burn plastics and cable from your business in a barrel next to your garage.

On August 24, 2010, I investigated this complaint. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Evidence of the open burning of household waste materials and paper was observed.

On August 25, 2010, I spoke to you, Mrs. McCormick, in reference to this complaint. You told me that you have trash pickup at your home, but were not aware of the open burning rule that requires that you be at least 1,000 feet from your neighbors to burn appropriate materials in a barrel. As I explained during our conversation, to open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. 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 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
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