Environmental Protection Agency
John R. Kasich, Governor
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June 3, 2011

Re: Belmont County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001850

Mr. Scott Roach
52086 Broadway St.
P.O. Box 676
Barton, Ohio 43905-0676

Dear Mr. Roach:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 22, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burn your household trash in a barrel in your backyard.

On May 4, 2011, 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. I observed a burn barrel in your backyard.

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 any inhabited building not on your property. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, 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,

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