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June 10, 2010

Re: Belmont County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001414

Mr. Richard Hart
67738 Robin St.
Belmont, Ohio 43718-9678

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hart:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 24, 2010. The complaint alleges that you burn trash, plastics and garbage at your home.

On June 2, 2010, I investigated this complaint and spoke to both of you. As I explained at that time, plastics and garbage cannot be open burned in Ohio. 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 appears to be) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building that is not on your property. There is not an area on your property that is 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building; therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste on this property. I left a pamphlet with you, Mrs. Hart, that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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. 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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