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June 10, 2010

Re: Belmont County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001414

Mr. William Daugherty  
67730 Robin St.  
Belmont, Ohio 43718-9678

Dear Mr. Daugherty:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 24, 2010. The complaint alleges that you burn your grass clippings.

On June 2, 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. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, grass, tree trimmings, etc., your 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 neighbor. Your burn site is not 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. If there is not a location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, then you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

Open burning of residential waste at this location without meeting the required distance criteria is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If you continue to open burn waste materials in violation of this rule, 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  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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