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**Re: Belmont County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001073**

Mr. Wesley Neal
70840 Crescent Road
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

Dear Mr. Neal:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on September 1, 2009. The complaint alleges that you open burned wood, construction debris, dry wall and garbage at your home.

On September 24 and October 9, 2009, I investigated this complaint. I attempted to speak to you but you were not home at the time of my investigations. I left a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules during my second visit with a note asking you to call me.

On October 15, 2009, you called me in reference to the complaint. You told me that you had burned some wood for a cookout. As I explained at that time, you are permitted to have a cookout or campfire as long as you burn only clean, dry wood and keep the fire no larger than two feet high by three feet wide. Demolition or remodeling wastes and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (740) 380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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