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July 24, 2009

Re: Belmont County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000955

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Zdanski
67484 Willow Grove Road
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950-9273

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Zdanski:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 29, 2009. The complaint alleges that garbage is being open burned on your property.

On July 9, 2009, I investigated this complaint. You were not at home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your back door and on your mailbox that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Evidence of the open burning of paper in a barrel in the side yard was observed.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, cardboard, tree trimmings, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (your property is in an unrestricted area) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your burn barrel is not 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste at this site.

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 at this location, legal action may be taken against you.

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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