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Re: Belmont County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000465

Mr. Goddard  
P.O. Box  
68210 Chermont Road  
Blaine, Ohio 43909

Dear Mr. Goddard:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 11, 2008. The complaint alleges that someone is open burning some type of waste material almost daily behind the garage on Chermont Road, Blaine.

On August 20, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to residents in the area. Your garage is the only one on the right hand side close to the road as the complainant described. Evidence of open burning was observed on the ground up the hill behind the garage. Green branches were piled on the burn site. A neighbor in the area told me that you had burned some green brush/tree trimmings. I left a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your front door. Because your burn site is less than 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential waste such as leaves, tree trimmings, shrubs, paper, etc. If you cannot locate the burn site at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential waste on this property. Cooking or campfires are permitted, but the fire must be no larger than two feet by three feet in diameter and only clean, dry wood may be used. Green wood, shrubs, etc., are not permitted to be open burned for cooking fires or campfires.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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