



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

March 21, 2011

Re: Belmont County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001777

Certified: 70101060000178962037

Ms. Rhonda Thompson
55978 Dillies Bottom Road
Shadyside, Ohio 43947-9780

Dear Ms. Thompson:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 9, 2011. The complaint alleges that you are burning waste materials from a house that was previously damaged by fire.

On March 11, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you had been tearing down your home that had partially burned and were burning some of the wood. As I explained at that time, demolition wastes, including wood, cannot be open burned in Ohio. Evidence of the open burning of wood was observed behind the garage at 56090 Dillies Bottom Road.

You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

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. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule when I met with you at your home. 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, 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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