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December 21, 2009

Re: Belmont County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001186

Certified: 70073020000178848036

Ms. Sonja Adkins  
751 Bond Ave.  
Barnesville, Ohio 43713

Dear Ms. Adkins:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 17, 2009. The complaint alleges that Mr. Mitchell Adkins is burning tires in the front yard of the property located at 55585 McDowel Road, Barnesville. The Belmont County Auditor's office lists you as the owner of this property.

On November 24, 2009, I investigated this complaint. There was no one at the home at the time of my investigation. I left a pamphlet in the front door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Evidence of the open burning of wood and plastics and other solid wastes was observed. I did not see any evidence of the burning of tires. You are permitted to have cookout fires or campfires using clean, dry fire wood. Plastics, toys, garbage, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio.

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. I am enclosing an extra copy of the pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules for you.

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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Enclosure