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**Re: Belmont County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001118**

Certified: 70073020000178820247

Ms. Denise Ault
P.O. Box 52
Blaine, Ohio 43909

Dear Ms. Ault:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on September 25, 2009. The complaint alleges that you are burning garbage in your yard.

On October 2, 2009, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You indicated that you were not aware that you were not permitted to burn your trash. As I explained at that time, to open burn residential waste such as papers, leaves, and tree trimmings, the property must be in an unrestricted area and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. While your property is located in an unrestricted area, there is no location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste on this property. Please note that garbage, plastics, tires, furniture, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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.

Per your request, I have enclosed a copy of the complaint filed with our office.

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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Enclosure