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Re: Vinton County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001378

Certified: 70073020000178849682

Ms. Nancy Morris
P.O. Box 104
64934 Sam Russell Road
Hamden, Ohio 45634

Dear Ms. Morris:

I am writing this letter in response to a report from the Vinton County Health Department received by this office on April 30, 2010. The report alleges that you are open burning solid wastes at your property on Sam Russell Road.

On May 26, 2010, I investigated this complaint. I attempted to speak to you but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Evidence of the open burning of wood, wall board, garbage, trash, plastics, furniture and other solid wastes was observed.

On May 27, 2010, I spoke to your son, Clay. He informed me that the two of you are trying to clean up the property as you can by putting materials out for trash pickup. Two loads of waste materials were taken to the landfill by pickup truck. As I explained to Clay, plastics, furniture, garbage, tires, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. Because there is no location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, you also cannot open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, etc. at this location.

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, legal action will 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
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