Environmental Protection Agency
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April 12, 2012

Re: Tuscarawas County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002293

Mr. Dwayne Laughin
331 Stone Creek Road SW
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Dear Mr. Laughin:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office March 30, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn trash in a barrel at your home.

On April 5, 2012, I investigated this complaint. I observed a barrel beside you home. You told me that you burn your paper and cardboard. As I explained at that time, your barrel is to close to neighboring homes.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as this property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on the property. Because there is not a burn site location on the property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on the property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

Open burning of waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall

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