



## REGIONAL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

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**Certified Mail**

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Westfall  
6404 Hillgrove-Southern Rd.  
Greenville, OH 45331

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Westfall:

### WARNING LETTER

On March 24, 2008, the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) received a complaint regarding the open burning of food and trash at your residence on 6404 Hillgrove-Southern Road in Washington Township, Ohio. It was reported that trash is burned on a continuous basis at this location.

In response to this complaint, a RAPCA representative performed an inspection of the above property on April 2, 2008, and observed a metal burn barrel containing the remains of burned garbage (meat) and trash. The burn site was located less than 1,000 feet from several neighboring homes. This open burning is in violation of the following state and local air pollution control regulations:

- \* Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule: 3745-19-04,  
Open Burning in Unrestricted Areas.
- \* Darke County Board of Health Air Pollution Control Regulations (DCBHAPCR) rule:  
3745-19-04, Open Burning in Unrestricted Areas.

Pursuant to the above regulations, the open burning of garbage/food products and materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt or liquid petroleum products is strictly prohibited in Ohio. Furthermore, the open burning of landscape and residential waste for disposal is not permissible within 1,000 feet of neighboring homes. This letter serves as official notification to cease all open burning in violation of the aforementioned regulations. Any further violations may result in enforcement actions against you, including penalties.

RAPCA appreciates your cooperation in this matter. The regulations were explained at the time of RAPCA's inspection. Enclosed is a one-page summary of Ohio's open burning rules. If you have any questions regarding this material, you can reach me at (937) 496-7541.

Sincerely,

Christine A. Swetz  
Air Pollution Control Specialist  
Abatement Unit

cc: Union City Fire Department

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MR & MRS BERRY WESTFALL  
6404 HILLGROVE-SOUTHERN RD  
GREENVILLE, OH 45331

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*Tonya Westfall*

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Tonya Westfall

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