



REGIONAL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

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April 23, 2010

Certified Mail

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mader

7388 Auld Rd.

Bradford, OH 45308

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Mader:

WARNING LETTER

On April 12, 2010, the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) received a complaint regarding open burning at your property on 7388 Auld Road in Bradford, Darke County, Ohio. The incident occurred on April 11, 2010.

In response to the complaint, a RAPCA representative performed an inspection of the above location on April 14, 2010. RAPCA was unable to locate anyone on the property. A burn site was observed in the back yard, containing the remains of what appeared to be tree stumps and wood. This property is located in an unrestricted area. While there was no evidence of inappropriate material being burned, this open burning was 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.

Per the above regulations, the open burning of residential and landscape waste for disposal purposes must take place at least 1,000 feet from neighboring homes in an unrestricted area. Additionally, no material may be burned which is generated off the premises. Per the Darke County Auditor's Office, your property consists of approximately one acre. There are no locations on this property where the 1,000 foot distance requirement can be met, therefore, no open burning for waste disposal is permissible. This letter serves as official notification of the above-referenced open burning violation. RAPCA suggests that you find an alternative means of disposal such as composting, chipping or hauling the material to an approved solid waste disposal site.

Pursuant to the above regulations, small recreational/cooking fires are permissible in unrestricted areas. However, the regulations require that the following conditions be met:

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1. They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood;
2. They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and
3. They shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.

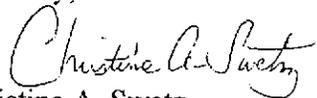
Larger, organized /'ceremonial' bonfires in unrestricted areas are subject to the following conditions:

1. They have a total fuel area no greater than five feet in diameter by five feet in height and burn no longer than three hours;
2. They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and
3. They are fueled with clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood.

RAPCA appreciates your cooperation in this matter. Enclosed is a summary of the open burning regulations referenced above. Also enclosed is an ODNR pamphlet regarding additional open burning restrictions which apply in unincorporated areas during the months of March, April, May, October and November.

If you have any questions regarding this information, you can reach me at (937) 496-7541.

Sincerely,



Christine A. Swetz
Air Pollution Control Specialist
Abatement Unit

Enclosure

cc: Gettysburg Rural Fire Department

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Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mader
7388 Auld Rd.
Bradford, OH 45308

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