



## REGIONAL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

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August 30, 2011

### Certified Mail

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Siefring  
1736 Peters Rd.  
Fort Recovery, OH 45846

Re: Continued open burning at 1736 Peters Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Siefring:

### WARNING LETTER

On August 22, 2011, while conducting a nearby inspection in the area, a representative from the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) documented the open burning of trash along your property on 1736 Peters Road. The burn site was located only a few inches from the road and contained plastic bottles, food containers and brush. The burn pile was in the same location as it was during a previous inspection conducted by RAPCA on July 13, 2011 and within 1,000 feet of a neighboring residence. The RAPCA representative noted that additional material had been burned since the previous investigation. Photos are attached from the July 13 and August 22 inspections. Pursuant to state and local air pollution control regulations the above open burning is prohibited and a violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule and Darke County Board of Health Air Pollution Control Regulations (DCBHAPCR) section 3745-19-04, Open Burning in Unrestricted Areas.

On July 27, 2011, RAPCA sent you a certified Warning Letter for the open burning violation which was documented during the July 13, 2011 inspection of your property. The state and local open burning regulations were explained in the letter. Please note that it is not permissible to burn plastics/trash or materials containing rubber, grease, asphalt or liquid petroleum products at any time in the state of Ohio. Additionally, the regulations also require that any permissible fire not create a visibility hazard on roadways and no material may be burned which is generated off the premises. Waste disposal open burning of approved materials (residential/agricultural wastes comprised of clean dry wood) must be at least 1,000 feet from neighboring homes and inhabited buildings.

This letter serves as official notification of the second open burning violation documented by RAPCA on 1736 Peters Road. As the property owners, you are responsible for any unauthorized open burning on the premises. Further violations of the above regulations may result in enforcement actions against you that could include penalties. RAPCA strongly recommends that the burn site along Peters Road be cleaned up and removed to discourage any additional burning or open dumping.

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RAPCA appreciates your cooperation in this matter. 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: Chief Day, Southwest Mercer Fire District

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Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Siefring  
1736 Peters Rd.  
Fort Recovery, OH 45846

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x *Chris Siefring*

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