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Re: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001633

Certified: 70101060000178960453

Mr. Joseph Miller
312 Sunshine Park Road
Wintersville, Ohio 43953-7132

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 14, 2010. The complaint alleges that you often burn household trash and garbage at your home.

On November 5, 2010, I received a police report from the Cross Creek Township Police Department. The report indicates that on October 12, 2010, they responded to a complaint of burning at your home and found that you were open burning garbage. At that time, you were told that it is not legal to open burn garbage and you were advised to properly dispose of your household wastes.

Garbage, plastics, furniture, tires, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not located on your property. If there is not a location on your property that would meet the burn site distance requirement, you cannot open burn residential waste on your property.

The 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. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules. 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 may 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
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure