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December 1, 2008

Re: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint

Certified: 70063450000190557617

Mr. Ronnie Mathews
1146 Bantam Ridge Road
Wintersville, Ohio 43953-4219

Dear Mr. Mathews:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 7, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning an old shed, asphalt shingles, and the contents of the shed at your home on Bantam Ridge Road.

A fire report obtained from the Wintersville Fire and Rescue Department indicates that they responded to and extinguished a fire at your home on November 7, 2008. The report indicates that brush, tree trimmings, and other unidentifiable waste materials were open burned. On November 18, 2008, I attempted to investigate this complaint but there was no one home at the time of my investigation.

The open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. Because your property is located in a restricted area (within the city limits), you cannot open burn residential waste such as papers, leaves, brush, and tree trimmings. Plastics, asphalt shingles, demolition wastes, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

I am issuing this courtesy notice to you even though I know that you are aware of Ohio's open burning rules because you have turned in a neighbor for open burning. I also left a pamphlet in your back door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location, legal action will 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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