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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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September 19, 2008

Re: Jefferson County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000476

Certified: 70063450000190563427

Mr. Sam Wilson  
P.O. Box 437  
Smithfield, Ohio 43948-0437

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 14, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning trash and other wastes in an old truck bed in your yard.

On September 9, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. During my visit, you were open burning household trash in the bed of the old truck and on the ground next to a trash barrel. As I explained at that time, to open burn residential waste such as paper, cardboard, leaves, tree trimmings, etc., the fire must in a location that is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your property is not 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor and, therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste anywhere on this property. Plastics, automobile parts, plastic-coated copper wire, garbage, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

Open burning improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. 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.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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