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Re: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000380

Mr. John Stevens
466 Township Road 109a
Rayland, Ohio 43943-6845

Dear Mr. Stevens:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on July 7, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning household trash and garbage at your home on Township Road 109a, Rayland.

On July 15, 2008, I investigated this complaint. You were not home at the time of my investigation. I spoke to your daughter and gave her a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, etc., the burn area must be at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. It does not appear that there is a location on your property that would be 1,000 feet from your neighbors. Therefore, residential waste cannot be open burned on your property. Plastics, garbage, furniture, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location, 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
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