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**Re: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070448**

Mrs. Hazel Thomas
81 State Route 164
Salineville, Ohio 43945

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on September 21, 2007. The complaint alleges that you are open burning wood siding that was removed from your home on State Route 164, Salineville.

On September 25, 2007, I investigated this complaint and explained Ohio's open burning rules to you. The siding was being burned in a barrel during the time of my investigation. You told me that you were not aware that this type of burning was not allowed and you would not open burn again.

The open burning of demolition debris is not permitted in Ohio. To open burn residential wastes such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the fire must be in an unrestricted area and 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your burn barrel is not 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. Open burning of this type 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, please contact me at (740) 380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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