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**RE: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070231
Certified Mail 70063450000190546475**

Mr. Shawn Wright
298 Twp. 248
Toronto, Ohio 43964

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 23, 2007. The complaint alleges that you were burning a trailer on your property near the end of Township Road 248.

On June 7, 2007, I investigated the complaint. No one was at home at the time of the inspection, but I observed evidence of open burning consisting of building material, wood waste, and other waste materials.

The open burning of wastes including buildings, demo debris, plastics, rubber, grease, garbage, asphalt, or plastic-coated wires is not permitted in Ohio. The open burning of residential waste (i.e., paper, cardboard, etc.) is only permitted if you are more than one thousand feet from an inhabited residence. The site where the burning of the waste materials was conducted is not more than one thousand feet from inhabited residences. Therefore, open burning cannot be conducted at the site on Township Road 248. Continuing to open burn at this site is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine.

The continued open burning of waste materials at this location may result in legal action being taken against you.

Enclosed is a copy of OAC Chapter 3745-19 (Open Burning Standards) and a brochure about the hazards of open burning. Please contact me at (740) 380-5231 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Lowry
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure