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May 23, 2007

Re: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070199

Certified: 70063450000190545898

Ms. Erin Anderson and Mr. William Wilt
133 Church St.
Rayland, Ohio 43943

Dear Ms. Anderson and Mr. Wilt:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 10, 2007. The complaint alleges that you are open burning some type of solid wastes in your yard.

On May 16, 2007, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Ms. Anderson. The hillside behind your home had recently been cleared of trees and brush and two pine trees had been cut down. The pine was piled next to an outdoor fireplace or barbeque. As I explained during my visit, you may burn clean, dry wood for outdoor cooking or recreational fires, but the fire must be less than two feet by three feet and cannot be used for waste disposal purposes. When you are finished, the fire needs to be put out and not allowed to smolder. If there is no one outside near the fire, it does not qualify as a recreational fire or cookout. You told me that the small pine branches and needles are going to be hauled out and will not be burned.

To open burn residential wastes such as leaves, tree trimmings, paper, cardboard, etc., you must live in an unrestricted area and be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. You cannot open burn residential wastes inside the village limits. The rule that applies to your situation is Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. Open burning in violation of this rule is punishable by a fine.

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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