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April 9, 2007

Re: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070098

Certified: 70063450000190545409

Mr. Jim Force
Austin Lake
3855 Twp. Hwy. 242
Toronto, Ohio 43964-7954

Dear Mr. Force:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 27, 2007. The complaint alleges that you are open burning railroad ties in you yard at 3855 Twp. Hwy. 242, Lake Austin, Toronto.

On April 5, 2007, I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation. I left my name, phone number and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your door. There was a burn pile in your yard that had unburned wood and logs piled up. A stack of railroad ties cut into small blocks was also observed. You are permitted to burn clean, dry wood fro a cookout or recreational fire, but you cannot open burn railroad ties because the preservatives used on the railroad ties release toxic emissions when burned.

Open burning of treated wood or other improper waste materials is a 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.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 as soon as possible so that we can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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