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July 17, 2009

Re: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000962

Mr. Carl Singleton
P.O. Box
202 South St.
Mt. Pleasant, Ohio 43939

Dear Mr. Singleton:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 30, 2009. The complaint alleges that you often burn wood and other waste materials at your home.

On July 14, 2009, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You showed me where you had burned some pine trees that you had cut down in your yard. As I explained at that time, to open burn residential waste such as tree trimmings, paper, leaves, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your property is inside a restricted area; therefore, residential waste cannot be open burned on this property. You may have cookout or campfires using clean, dry fire wood, but you cannot open burn for waste disposal purposes. The campfire or cookout fire must be no larger than three feet wide by two feet high. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-03 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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