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March 20, 2008

**Re: Jackson County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000130  
Certified Mail 70063450000190546857**

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts  
1804 Gieke Ridge Road  
Oak Hill, Ohio 45656

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pitts:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint that was forwarded to this office from the Jackson County Health Department on February 28, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning household trash, cans, tires, and other waste materials at your home on Gieke Ridge Road, Oak Hill.

On Thursday, March 13, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to both of you. A burn barrel that was full of ash and metal waste was observed. There were four trash bags near the burn barrel. You reported that you had not burned since the Jackson County Health Department had contacted you in regard to the open burning. Plastics, furniture, garbage, aerosol cans, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. Residential wastes generated on the residential property, such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, and cardboard may be open burned in an area that is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. The trash bags and wastes in the burn barrel need to be disposed of in a licensed landfill.

Open burning improper waste material 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 on this property, or on any other property in Ohio, 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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cc: Jackson County Health Department