



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

September 23, 2011

Re: Hocking County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002007

Certified: 70101060000178963096

Mr. R. Sheline and Ms. Mitchell
34363 Moore Road
Logan, Ohio 43138

Dear Mr. Sheline and Ms. Mitchell:

I am writing this letter in response to complaints received by this office on August 19 and September 9, 2011. The complaints allege that you burn waste materials at your home.

On August 29, 2011, I investigated the first complaint and spoke to you, Ms. Mitchell. You told me that nothing had been burned recently. Evidence of the open burning of wood and yard wastes was observed to the right of the driveway. There was unburned Styrofoam, weeds and wood on the burn pile. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, Styrofoam, etc. cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location. Construction and demolition waste materials also cannot be open burned in Ohio.

On September 19, 2011, I investigated the second complaint. The unburned Styrofoam and weeds were gone. Charred logs were observed. It appeared that the burn pile containing the waste materials I observed on August 29, 2011 had been burned.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I gave you a pamphlet during my first visit that explains this rule. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop. 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 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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