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Re: Hocking County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001533

Ms. Misty Monroe
P.O. Box 14
Haydenville, Ohio 43127-0014

Dear Ms. Monroe:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 13, 2010. The complaint alleges that garbage is being burned on your property.

On August 25, 2010, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of wood, carpet padding, and plastic materials was observed. The fire department was called to your house in response to a report they received about the fire and had told you that you cannot open burn these types of materials. You indicated that you have not burned since the fire department was there.

As I explained during my visit, garbage, carpet padding, plastic materials, and other solid wastes cannot be burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, and tree trimmings, 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 your nearest neighbor. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location. 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 3745-19-04 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 at this location, 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
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