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August 27, 2010

Re: Hocking County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001498

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Williams
10089 State Route 93
New Straitsville, Ohio 43766

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Williams:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on July 14, 2010. The complaint alleges that plastic materials are being burned on your property.

On July 21, 2010, I investigated this complaint, but no one was at the property at the time of my investigation. Evidence of the open burning of wood, furniture, plastic materials, and other solid wastes was observed in your front yard. I left a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

On August 16, 2010, I re-investigated this complaint and I spoke to you, Mrs. Williams, at your home. At that time, I explained that you cannot open burn plastic materials, garbage, furniture, tires, or other solid waste materials in Ohio due to the harmful emissions released when they are burned.

I also explained that 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.

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, 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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