



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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October 17, 2008

Re: Hocking County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000555

Certified: 70063450000190559833

Mr. Roy Beaucher  
13500 Big Cola Road  
Rockbridge, Ohio 43149-9752

Dear Mr. Beaucher:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on September 28, 2008. The complaint alleges that you open burned a house trailer and insulation on Big Cola Road, Rockbridge.

On October 2, 2008, I investigated this complaint and observed evidence of the open burning of a house trailer, insulation, wood, furniture, plastics, and other household wastes. The fire damaged area is quite large. You were not at home at the time of my investigation, so I left my card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your front door.

The open burning of demolition debris, plastics, furniture, garbage, tires, etc. is not permitted anywhere in Ohio. Open burning of this type 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 will be taken against you.

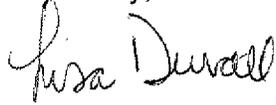
I am requesting a written response from you, within 14 days of receipt of this letter, that includes a commitment from you to stop open burning in violation of OAC rule 3745-19-04, a plan and schedule for clean up of the burn area and any remaining solid wastes, and a copy of the landfill receipt as proof of proper disposal. Acceptance by Ohio EPA of a schedule for compliance does not constitute a waiver of Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. The determination to pursue or to decline to pursue such penalties in this case will be made by Ohio EPA at a later date.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the local health department. The information within this letter can be evaluated by local health department and further investigation may be initiated if it appears violations within their jurisdiction have occurred.

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Please contact me at 740-380-5217 as soon as possible so that we can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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cc: The Hocking County Health District, 132 Hocking Mall, Logan, Ohio 43138  
cc: The Good Hope Twp. Fire Dept., 26836 Main St., Rockbridge, Ohio 43149