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Re: Hocking County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000436

Mr. and Ms. Blosser-Davis
38225 Lime Bank Rd.
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764-9635

Dear Mr. and Ms. Blosser-Davis:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on July 30, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning trash and animal skins along the creek at your home on Lime Bank Road, Nelsonville.

Earlier this summer, I spoke to you in reference to a similar complaint in your neighborhood. I was not sure if the complainant was referring to open burning at your home or your neighbor's home. At that time, I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules and went on to talk to your neighbors. This most recent complaint indicated that the recent open burning was at your home.

On August 19, 2008, I investigated this complaint. There was no one at your home at the time of my investigation. I left my card and another pamphlet in your door. Animal skins, garbage, plastics, etc. cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste, such as leaves, tree trimmings, shrubs, paper, etc., the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your property is less than 1,000 feet from your neighbors; therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste at your home. The open burning of trash and animal skins is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. You may still have cook outs or campfires using clean, dry (seasoned) wood. The campfire/cookfire cannot be larger than two feet by three feet in size.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
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