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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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July 29, 2008

Re: Hocking County  
Open Burning  
Complaint

Certified: 70063450000190562925

Mr. Dave Azbell  
13189 Clapper Hollow Road  
Rockbridge, Ohio 43149-9720

Dear Mr. Azbell:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on July 10, 2008. The complaint alleges that tires and treated lumber are being open burned at the corner of Jack Run Road and Clapper Hollow Road, Rockbridge.

On July 16, 2008, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of wood, plastic, tires, tar, and an electric pole was observed. I spoke to you at your home and explained that this type of open burning is not permitted. Tar, tires, furniture, plastics, garbage, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. You told me that you would clean up the burn area.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. This rule is explained in the pamphlet that I gave you. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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cc: Hocking County Health District, 31620 Chieftain Dr., Logan, Ohio 43138