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October 12, 2010

Re: Hocking County  
Open Burning

Ms. Stephanie Shouts  
P.O. Box  
16476 Haydenville Road  
Haydenville, Ohio 43127

Dear Ms. Shouts:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 4, 2010. The complaint alleges that you frequently burn your household trash in your backyard.

On October 4, 2010, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you burn all your household trash and that you do not have trash pickup. At that time, I explained that plastics, garbage, furniture, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., 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. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. 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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