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December 7, 2010

Re: Harrison County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001688

Certified: 70101060000178960552

Ms. Stacy Ruckman
77095 Hawthorn Rd.
Cadiz, Ohio 43907-9746

Dear Ms. Ruckman:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 24, 2010. The complaint alleges that you are burning a large pine tree and that you have burned garbage, tires, and other materials at this address.

On December 2, 2010, I investigated this complaint and spoke to Mr. James Ross. He told me that some tree branches had been burned. I left my business card and a pamphlet with Mr. Ross that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

On December 27, 2007, I spoke to you in regard to a similar complaint. At that time, you told me that you burned your household paper and cardboard in a barrel at your home. As I explained to you in 2007, and again by phone on December 2, 2010, 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 any inhabited building not on your property. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

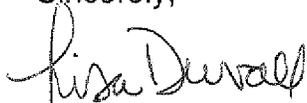
You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

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.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

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

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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