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Re: Noble County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000362

Certified: 70063450000190562956

Mr. Leo Gibson
48876 Walnut St.
Caldwell, Ohio 43724-9511

Dear Mr. Gibson:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 25, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning trash, plastics, and other wastes in a barrel at your home on Walnut Street, (Coal Grove) Caldwell.

On June 30, 2008, I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation. I observed two burn barrels next to your drive way. Evidence of the open burning of household trash and garbage was observed in one barrel and evidence of the open burning of plastic-coated copper wire was observed in the second barrel. I also saw a large burned area on the ground at the edge of your yard.

Plastics, garbage, plastic-coated copper wire, tires, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the burn site must be 1,000 feet outside the city limits and 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your barrels and burn site on the ground are not 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor and it does not appear that there is a location on your property that would be 1,000 feet from your neighbors.

Open burning of improper waste materials where your property is located is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I left a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules and my phone number. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

Please contact me 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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