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**Re: Noble County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070243
Certified Mail 70063450000190546444**

Mr. Jim Sholtis
51771 Seneca Lake Road
Sarahsville, Ohio 43779

Dear Mr. Sholtis:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 30, 2007. The complaint alleges that tires, aerosol cans, trash and other solid wastes from Brownie's Lawn Mowers are being burned in barrels. I was told that you own this property and that the mower shop is run by Kevin Brown.

On June 4, 2007 I investigated this complaint. There was no one at the mower shop or your home, which is across from the mower shop. I observed six burn barrels full of ash in back of the mower shop. A business can not open burn for waste disposal purposes. Tires, plastics, motor parts, rubber, tires, etc can not be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

On June 6, 2007 I spoke to you by phone. You told me that a dumpster is being installed at the mower shop on Friday and there will be no more open burning.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If you continue to allow open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at this office at (740) 380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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