



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

June 17, 2011

Re: Gallia County
Open Burning
Complaint

Mr. Amos Miller
The Tarp Shop
1950 Cora Mill Road
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631-8536

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 25, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burned plastic from your farm garden.

On June 2, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you and your wife. You told me that you had replaced some carpet on a boat and had burned the carpet. As I explained at that time, plastic materials and carpet cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. A business also cannot burn any type of waste material for disposal purposes. Evidence of the open burning of the carpet and other solid waste materials was observed.

To open burn residential or agricultural wastes such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, or mater generated by crop, horticultural, or livestock production practices, 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. If 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, then you cannot open burn residential or agricultural waste on your property.

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 fine. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule for you. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop. 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
Division of Air Pollution Control

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