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July 16, 2010

Re: Gallia County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001462

Certified: 70063450000190559277

Ms. Lori Mullins  
78 Lukas Road  
Patriot, Ohio 45656-9024

Dear Ms. Mullins:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on July 2, 2010. The complaint alleges that you burn garbage, plastics, trash and other wastes in your backyard.

On July 8, 2010, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of garbage, trash, cans and other solid waste materials was observed. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules with my phone number in your door.

Plastics and garbage cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property appears to be) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building located off your property. There is not a location on your property that would meet the 1,000 foot requirement; therefore, you cannot open burn residential wastes on this 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 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 will be taken against you.

Please contact me at 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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