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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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June 20, 2008

Re: Gallia County  
Open Burning  
Complaint

Certified: 70063450000190562673

Mr. Clarence Shelton, Jr.  
32 James Road  
Patriot, Ohio 45658

Dear Mr. Shelton, Jr.:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 27, 2008. The complaint alleges that you open burned copper wire on May 27, 2008. The Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Department responded to this fire. I have received fire reports from the fire department for this fire and a previous fire run dated March 24, 2008 when you were open burning tires and rubbish.

On June 10, 2008, Mr. Steve Alspach and I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told us that you had burned some wire. Evidence of open burning was observed in two locations. A trailer on the property is being demolished and we informed you that you also cannot open burn any type of demolition debris, furniture, or trash from the trailer. Because you do not live at least 1,000 feet from your neighbors, you also cannot open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., on this property.

The open burning of tires, plastic-coated copper wire, demolition debris, automobile parts, etc., is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action will be taken against you.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the local health department. The information within this letter can be evaluated by local health department and further investigation may be initiated if it appears violations within their jurisdiction have occurred.

If you have any questions, 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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cc: The Gallia County Health District  
cc: Gallia County Emergency Management Agency  
cc: The Greenfield Township VFD