

Gallia County
Open Burning
Complaint file



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**GALLIA COUNTY
GENERAL FILE
(HUFFMAN-BOWERS, INC.)
DHWM/SEDO
NON-NOTIFIER**

Mr. Barry Bowers
Huffman-Bowers, Inc.
PO Box 538
New Lexington, Ohio 43764

Dear Mr. Bowers:

On April 27, 2007, this office received a complaint regarding the management of oil filters at your injection well property on Oliver Road. Specifically, the complaint alleged that used auto fluids were drained or spilled onto the ground and that scrap tires were stored around the property improperly. On May 3, 2007, I performed a complaint investigation to determine the validity of the complaint and to determine compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste laws and regulations as found in Chapter 3734. of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745. of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Trevor Irwin for the Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management also accompanied me.

We observed that oil filters (from filtering the brine prior to injection) had been collected and burned on-site.

Based on these observations, no violations of the hazardous waste rules were found. However, we did observe a burn barrel containing residue from burning brine filters (i.e., solid waste). A business can not open burn for waste disposal purposes. The open burning of solid wastes generated by your business such as paper, cardboard, filters, used oil, plastics, etc is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by fine. You should cease burning these materials and dispose of the filters and the residues at a permitted solid waste landfill. Please provide, within 30 days, photographs showing that these wastes have been cleaned up and provide the landfill's name and location where they have been disposed.

If you have any questions regarding waste management or pollution prevention activities, please call me at (740) 380-5278.

Sincerely,

Richard Stewart
District Representative
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

RS/mlm

cc: Trevor Irwin, DSIWM-SEDO

NOTICE:

Ohio EPA's failure to list specific deficiencies or violations in this letter does not relieve your company from having to comply with all applicable regulations.