



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

September 2, 2011

Re: Guernsey County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001985

Certified: 70101060000178962754

Mr. Yost Schrock
64720 Gatts Lane
Quaker City, Ohio 43773

Dear Mr. Schrock:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 2, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burned a house at 64580 Rosedale Road, Salesville.

On August 3, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of a house was observed. As I explained at that time, houses and buildings cannot be open-burned for waste disposal purposes anywhere in Ohio. You also cannot open burn demolition waste materials.

Open burning of a house at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04, and is punishable by a maximum fine of up to \$25,000 per day per violation. I am enclosing a copy of this rule for you. The Ohio EPA has the authority to seek civil penalties as provided in section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Open burning of this type is prohibited due to the adverse health impacts (i.e., from exposure to the combustion by-products of shingles, insulation, painted materials, plastics and possibly asbestos fibers that became friable) to people, especially children and the elderly, who may have breathing problems such as asthma, allergies or emphysema. Open burning adversely impacts the ambient air quality by emitting air pollution at ground level where people are immediately exposed to the pollutants.

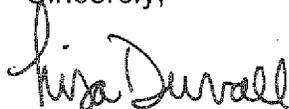
Because of the egregious nature of the open burning and the potential adverse health impacts to the individuals living downwind of the burn site, this matter is being referred to our Office of Legal Services for consideration and, if appropriate, further legal action. The determination to pursue or to decline to pursue such penalties in this case will be made by Ohio EPA's Office of Legal Services.

If any other improper waste materials are open burned on this property, legal action will be taken against you.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Duvall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "D".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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