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November 12, 2010

Re: Guernsey County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001597
Certified: 70101060000178961498

Mr. Richard Burt
63669 N. 21st. Street
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Dear Mr. Burt:

I am writing this letter in response to reports from the Cambridge Fire Department received by this office on October 10, 2010. The reports state you burned trash and tree wastes that had been hauled to your property. The dates of the reports range from September 2007 to July 2010.

On October 13, 2010, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You and another man were cutting fire wood in the yard at the time of my investigation. As I explained at that time, you cannot open burn the wood wastes from the cutting of fire wood for disposal purposes. You can burn clean, dry wood in a barrel for heat when you are working outside (if it is cold). For a cooking or campfire, you must burn only clean, dry wood and the size of the fire must be less than three feet in diameter by two feet in height. The fire must be put out when it is unattended. Large bonfires are not permitted. Because your property is less than 1,000 feet outside the city limits, it is defined as being located in a restricted area. Because your property is in a restricted area, residential and landscape waste cannot be burned on this property. Wood wastes from the cutting of fire wood or any type of waste materials that are hauled in also cannot be open burned.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you open burn improper waste materials on this property or any other property in Ohio, 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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cc: The Cambridge Fire Dept., 902 Gaston Ave., Cambridge, Ohio 43725