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Re: Guernsey County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000531

Certified: 70063450000190559697

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ray
57781 Lashley Road
Senecaville, Ohio 43780-9796

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ray:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on September 8, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning construction wastes, insulation, wood, and plastics at your home on Lashley Road.

On September 18, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mrs. Ray. Evidence of a large wood fire was observed. I did not see any evidence of the burning of plastics, construction debris, insulation, or garbage. As I explained during my visit, you may burn wood for cookouts or campfires, but the fires must be no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet in diameter. You told me that you had burned some boxes and papers for a neighbor who was cleaning up around her home and some ashes had blown over the neighborhood.

I later spoke to Mr. Ray by phone and further explained Ohio's burning rules. The campfire or cookout fire does not have to be 1,000 feet from your neighbors, but the size of the fire must be kept small and use only clean, dry wood.

The open burning of residential waste (boxes, paper, leaves, etc.) in an area that is less than 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by fine. I gave you a pamphlet that explains these rules to you during my visit.

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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