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September 14, 2007

Re: Guernsey County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070400
Certified: 70063450000190560198

Mr. Lee Heston
8212 Oldham Road
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Dear Mr. Heston:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 21, 2007. The complaint alleges that your renters, the Wrights, are open burning trash, furniture, and other solid wastes on a property that is owned by you at 441 Foster Ave., Cambridge. The Cambridge Fire Department responded to a fire at this address on August 14, 2007.

On August 31, 2007, I investigated this complaint and spoke to Mrs. Wright. Evidence of open burning was observed. There were three burn barrels and a burn pile on the ground in the backyard. Because the property is inside the city limits, residential wastes, such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, trash, etc., cannot be open burned. Plastics, tires, furniture, garbage, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. As the property owner, you can be held legally responsible for the illegal burning on your property.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-03 must stop immediately. If your renters continue to open burn improper waste materials on your property, legal action may be taken against you. The solid wastes need to be cleaned up and properly disposed of in a licensed landfill.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

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
Cc: Kim Conrath, City of Cambridge, 1131 Steubenville Ave., Cambridge, Ohio 43725