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Re: Guernsey County  
Open Burning

Mr. Ronald Dodd  
7236 Bloomfield Road  
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Dear Mr. Dodd:

On September 25, 2008, the Cambridge Fire Department responded to a fire at 7236 Bloomfield Road. They found you open burning trash in a barrel.

Residential waste cannot be open burned inside a restricted area. Residential waste includes paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc. Garbage and plastics cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. A restricted area is defined as an area inside the city limits and extending one mile outside the city limits if the city has a population of 10,000 or more residents. If the city has less than 10,000 residents, the restricted area extends 1,000 feet outside the city limits. If your property is outside the restricted area, the open burning of residential waste would be permitted only if the fire was 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. The barrel in which you were open burning was not 1,000 feet away from your nearest neighbor.

The open burning of residential waste inside a restricted area or in an unrestricted area in a location that is less than 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 or OAC rule 3745-19-04, respectively, and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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  
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Enclosure