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Re: Guernsey County
Open Burning
Complaint

Mr. Jerry Thomas
270 Columbia Ct.
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am writing this letter in response to a report from the Cambridge Fire Department received by this office on October 10, 2007. The report indicates that on September 26, 2007, the fire department responded to a report of wire being burned at your home. You informed them that your had burned some wire in a charcoal grill.

Plastic-coated copper wire cannot be open burned in Ohio. Your property is located in a restricted area as defined in Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-03. Residential waste also cannot be open burned for waste disposal purposes in a restricted area. Residential waste includes trash, paper, leaves, tree trimmings, landscape wastes, cardboard, etc.

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 you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location, legal action may be taken against you. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules for you.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
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Enclosure