Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
John R. Kasich, Governor
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April 28, 2011

Re: Pike County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001816

Certified: 70101060000178962297

Ms. Shawnda Richards and Mr. Mathew Keaton
695 Shoemaker Rd.
Latham, Ohio 45646

Dear Ms. Richards and Mr. Keaton:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 8, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burned tires at your home on Shoemaker Road, Latham.

On April 21, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Ms. Richards. Evidence of the open burning of wood and tires was observed on the hill behind your home. As I explained at that time, tires cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. The burn site on your property is not 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. If there is not a burn site on your property that meets the minimum distance requirement, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, 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,

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