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Re: Perry County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000514

Certified: 70063450000190563434

Mr. Carl Hatmaker
8635 Blackbird Lane
Thornville, Ohio 43076-9790

Dear Mr. Hatmaker:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 26, 2008. The complaint alleges that you were open burning tires on your farm and refused entry to the fire department who responded to the fire call.

On September 3, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that some kids had lit some tires on fire. If anyone burns tires on your property, you can be held responsible as the property owner. As I explained during my visit, tires, plastics, garbage, automobile parts, plastic-coated copper wire, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

Open burning or allowing the 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. In the future, if anyone starts an illegal fire, intentionally or accidentally, the fire must be put out as soon as possible. If you deny access to the fire department and allow the fire to burn, you will be held responsible for the illegal burn. If you continue to open burn or allow the open burning of improper waste materials, legal action will be taken against you.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
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cc: The Thornville Fire Department

