Environmental Protection Agency
John R. Kasich, Governor
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February 4, 2011

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001736

Mr. Jason Green
240 Francis Road
Lowell, Ohio 45744-7208

Dear Mr. Green:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on January 20, 2011. The complaint alleges that tires, a couch, and other waste materials are being burned frequently.

On January 31, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you and another gentleman at your Francis Road property. Evidence of the open burning of plastics, household trash, garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, tires, etc., 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 this property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. Because there is not a burn site location on this property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on the property, 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.

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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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Enclosure