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September 21, 2009

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001051

Certified: 70073020000178847640

Mr. Stevan Sprague
2975 Deming Rd.
Vincent, Ohio 45784-5434

Dear Mr. Sprague:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 20, 2009. The complaint alleges that you are open burning railroad ties at your farm on Deming Road.

On September 21, 2009, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you were cleaning up around the farm and had burned some railroad ties that had been busted up. Evidence of the open burning of railroad ties and other solid wastes was observed near the barn. As I explained at that time, railroad ties cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste or agricultural waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, old fence posts (untreated) etc., the waste materials must be generated on the premises and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor.

Open burning 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. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. If you continue to open burn 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
Division of Air Pollution Control

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