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June 27, 2008

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000339

Certified: 70063450000190562697

Mr. Scott Roberts
25 Bliss Road
Little Hocking, Ohio 45742-9620

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 12, 2008. The complaint alleges that you were open burning unknown wastes that smelled bad and smoldered until the next day. The burn site was located on a property that is next to your home that you had recently purchased on Federal Hocking Road.

On June 17, 2008, I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation and I left a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. During my investigation, I obtained information indicating that you had purchased and torn down an old house on the lot adjacent to your property. The basement of the old house was left open. Evidence of open burning was observed on the ground next to the open basement and in the open basement of the house you tore down. Trash bags, shingles, cardboard, plastics, and household wastes had been thrown into the basement on top of the ash and partially burned debris.

I spoke to you by phone on June 19, 2008 and explained Ohio's open burning rules. You informed me that you would not burn again and the basement is being filled in with dirt.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. Demolition wastes, shingles, plastics, furniture, plastic-coated copper wire, tires, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, etc. that are generated from your residence only, the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet outside the city limits and 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. It did not appear to me that there was anywhere on your property that is 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Therefore, it appears that you cannot open burn residential waste on this property. Any type of waste that is generated from your business, including paper, and wood, cannot be open burned for disposal purposes. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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