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May 28, 2008

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000252

Certified: 70063450000190563731

Mr. Eric Knowlton
101 Shady Lane
Marietta, Ohio 45750-9330

Dear Mr. Knowlton:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 30, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning in your backyard near the creek.

On May 6 and May 16, 2008, I investigated this complaint. There was no one at your home on either date. I left a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules and a note that asked you to call me at this office. Evidence of a previous fire was observed. I have also received pictures of the fire.

On May 19, 2008, I spoke to you by phone and explained Ohio's open burning rules. Because your property is less than 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential wastes such as yard wastes, leaves, tree trimmings, brush, paper, etc. You assured me that you would not burn these wastes again. You are permitted to have campfires, but must use clean, seasoned fire wood only and meet the fire size requirements specified in the enclosed rule. The rule allowing cooking or campfires is not intended to be used to circumvent Ohio's open burning rules.

Open burning of this residential waste at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a copy of this rule for you. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

