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Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 20070472

Certified: 70063450000190561355

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith
14174 State Route 676
Waterford, Ohio 45786-5210

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 3, 2007. The complaint alleges that trash and household wastes are being open burned in a barrel by individuals who are renting your property on Center Street in Waterford.

On October 9, 2007, I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at either apartment on Center Street at the time of my investigation. I did see a burn barrel in the backyard. Residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimming, etc., can only be open burned in an unrestricted area if the burn site is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. The burn site in this case is not 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Plastics and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. Please inform your renters that this type of burning is not permitted on this property.

Open burning of improper waste materials 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 at this location, legal action may be taken against both of you as the property owners. I left pamphlets in the doors of your renters that explain Ohio's open burning rules and I am including a pamphlet for 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

