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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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June 25, 2007

Re: Washington County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 20070254

Certified: 70063450000190546086

Mr. Larry Lang  
Lang Excavating  
19371 State Route 60  
Beverly, Ohio 45715

Dear Mr. Lang:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 5, 2007. The complaint alleges that you are open burned a residence or barn on Schoolhouse Road in Little Hocking in a new housing development.

On June 14, 2007, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you by phone. The burn area had been excavated and I did not see any evidence of burning. A chicken coop and some brush had been burned. There was a pile of unburned trees still on site. The remaining trees are being hauled out. Demolition debris of any kind cannot be open burned for waste disposal purposes. To open burn trees and brush (land clearing wastes), the burn site must be in an unrestricted area, at least 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building, an air curtain destructor or pit burner must be used and prior written permission must be obtained from the Ohio EPA. You informed me that you do have an air curtain destructor that you plan to use on other job sites. I am enclosing a copy of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-19 and the appropriate applications for your future use.

Open burning of this type is in violation of the requirements specified in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a maximum fine of up to \$25,000 per day per violation. 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 on this property or any other property, legal action may be taken against you.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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