



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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RE: ASHTABUA TOWNSHIP
ILLEGAL OPEN BURNING

Mr. John Erb
Tree Saver Pallets Recycling Co.
1784 Mini Ranch
Geneva, Ohio 44041

Dear Mr. Erb:

Ohio EPA has received information from the Ashtabula Township Fire Department regarding numerous responses to your business for open burning alarms.

The burning occurs in a large metal container generating a great deal of smoke. The fire department was informed that the fire was for warmth for outdoor workers.

Please be advised that Chapter 3745-19 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) prohibits open burning for waste disposal purposes by a business.

Open burning for outdoor worker warmth is allowed if the following conditions are met:

- 1) The fire is fueled with clean seasoned firewood;
- 2) The fire is not used for waste disposal purposes; and
- 3) The fire shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.

Ohio EPA hope that you follow the open burning conditions and no further action will be necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 330-963-1241.

Sincerely,

Richard Kolosionek
District Representative
Division of Air Pollution Control

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pc: Frank Bernato, Ashtabuia Twp. Fire Dept.