



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
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May 7, 2012

**RE: GALLIA COUNTY  
TIRE – GEN**

James and Maria Woosley  
1754 Dorsetshire Rd  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Woosley:

I am writing regarding the scrap tires that have been illegally dumped on property you own along State Route 325 just north of Vinton, Ohio. I conducted an inspection of this property on May 2, 2012. During this inspection, I observed tire shreds that represent approximately 8,000 to 10,000 passenger tire equivalents.

I have advised you in the past that property owners can be held responsible for illegal disposal on their property. You may be aware that scrap tires can provide breeding habitat for disease carrying mosquitoes. Scrap tires also pose a public health risk as a fire hazard. A failure to remove the tires dumped on your property for proper disposal may result in an enforcement action by the State of Ohio or The Gallia County Health Department.

The accumulation of scrap tires on your property on State Route 325 is a violation of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Specifically,

**ORC 3734.03-** No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping.

**OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C)-** No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping. In the event that open dumping is occurring or has occurred at a property, the person(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow or allowed open dumping to occur, shall promptly remove and dispose or otherwise manage the solid waste in accordance with Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code, and shall submit verification that the solid waste has been properly managed.

During my May 2, 2012 inspection, I observed both adult mosquitoes and mosquito larva. Mosquito control should be implemented immediately. Within 14 days of receipt of this letter, Ohio EPA requests that you provide documentation to the Southeast District Office including the steps taken to abate the violations cited above. Documentation of steps taken to return to compliance includes written correspondence, updated policies and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted via the postal service or electronically to [pete.thompson@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:pete.thompson@epa.state.oh.us).

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Please be advised that violations cited above will continue until the violations have been properly abated. Failure to comply with ORC Chapter § 3734 and rules promulgated thereunder, may result in a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day for each violation. If circumstances delay the abatement of violations, you are requested to submit written correspondence of the steps that will be taken by date certain to attain compliance.

If you have any questions, I may be contacted at 740-380-5219 or the e-mail address noted above.

Sincerely,



Peter C Thompson  
Division of Waste & Materials Management

PT/sb

CC: Gallia County Health Department  
John Cayton, Office of the Ohio Attorney General