



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Allen County  
Open Burning Complaint  
**Warning Letter**

April 16, 2012

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Chief Jordan Striff  
Westminster Rural Fire Department Inc.  
7125 Faulkner Road  
Harrod, Ohio 45850

Dear Chief Striff:

This office received a complaint on April 9, 2012, concerning open burning being conducted by the Westminster Rural Fire Dept., Inc. (WRFDI) at 4850 Bowdle Rd. in Harrod, Ohio. My investigation, conducted on April 9, 2012, shows WRFDI was in charge of a training event that took place at 4850 Bowdle Rd. and involved multiple other local fire departments. Class A materials (straw and clean lumber) were burned in metal drums inside the residential structure. The structure itself was not significantly burned and all material suspected of containing asbestos were removed, however, an official asbestos survey was not conducted. Because the fire has been extinguished, you are no longer in violation and the property is considered to have returned to compliance.

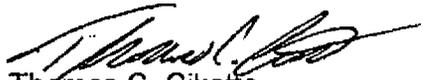
A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review. Please note that Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 3745-19-03(D)(2) and 3745-19-04(C)(2) regulate fires involving acquired structures for fire training purposes. If a live fire is to be set in the structure, at all, for fire training purposes, this is an activity that requires permission from the Ohio EPA. You have also been sent, via e-mail, guidance on the proper procedures to conduct fire training on an acquired structure and the required forms.

Please provide a written response acknowledging your receipt of this letter and your understanding of the rules. If you do not understand the rules please contact this office for additional explanation before responding. It is your responsibility to disseminate this information to your subordinates and successors as the WRFDI may be held liable for future violations. Your response is requested no later than May 2, 2012.

Chief Jordan Striff  
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If you have any questions concerning this letter, the regulations or the permission process, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3137 or e-mail at [thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,



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Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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