



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Huron County
Open Burning Complaint
**Notice of Violation (NOV) &
Return to Compliance (RTC)**

April 19, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Charles O. Sheefel
Property Owner
P. O. Box 306
Searsport, Maine 04974

Dear Mr. Sheefel:

This office received a complaint on April 11, 2012, concerning open burning being conducted on the property of Sheefel Mobile Home Park (SMHP). My investigation, conducted on April 17, 2012, shows construction and demolition debris from the razing of two trailers was burned for disposal purposes, as a cost savings initiative, within 1000' of adjacent residences in a restricted area.

Based on these findings, there is sufficient evidence to determine that illegal open burning did occur and the complaint is justified. This is a violation of both Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03(A) and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05.

A copy of the OAC rules, pertaining to open burning, has been enclosed for your review because you, as the property owner, may be held liable for current and future violations. It is your responsibility to clearly communicate the open burning rules to your tenants and it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure that future violations do not occur on your property. 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. Your response is requested no later than May 7, 2012.

Because the fire has been extinguished, you are no longer in violation and the property is considered to have returned to compliance.

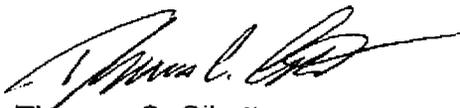
Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date.

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The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter is dependent on several factors, one of which is your future compliance with applicable Ohio EPA requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3137 or e-mail at thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Cikotte
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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