



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

April 19, 2012

Re: Noble County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002279

Mr. Daryl and Ms. Laura Farnese
P.O. Box 144
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Farnese:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office March 23, 2012. The complaint alleges that you are burning trash, garbage and other waste materials at your home.

On April 11, 2012, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed on the ground to the right of your home. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I gave my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules to your babysitter. I later spoke to you by phone and explained the open burning rules that apply to you situation.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property.

Garbage, plastics, furniture, mattresses, Styrofoam, etc. cannot be open burned in Ohio. Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. 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 at this location or any other location in Ohio, legal action may be taken against you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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cc: Bruce Weinberg-DAPC