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Re: Open Burning Complaint  
Huron County

January 19, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Jude Ott  
1085 State Route 250 South  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Mr. Ott:

The office has received a complaint concerning open burning of demolition material on your property behind 5060 State Route 601, Milan, Ohio. This complaint was substantiated upon my visit and our conversation on January 9, 2007. By means of this letter we hope to inform you of the seriousness of open burning, and inform you that open burning is a strictly regulated activity in Ohio, regulated pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 3745-19 (copy enclosed).

Mr. Ott, you have been found in violation of OAC 3745-19.

At this time, we ask that you submit a written response to the Ohio EPA, regarding this complaint, your understanding of the regulations, and what measures will be taken to prevent any further violations. Your response should be received by this Agency by February 2, 2007.

Should we get another substantiated complaint about open burning in the future, we may seek enforcement of the regulations.

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

Keep in mind that penalties of up to \$25,000 could be assessed.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please call me at (419) 373-3120.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Grob  
Environmental Specialist 3  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

pc: Huron County Health Department  
Lisa Holscher, U.S. EPA, Region V  
Tom Kaiman, DAPC, CO  
~~DAPC, NWDO~~  
NWDO Follow-up File  
Tom Sattler

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*1085 STATE ROUTE 250 SOUTH*  
*NORWALK, OHIO*  
*44857*

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