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Re: Open Burning Complaint
Huron County

October 9, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL

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Mr. Mark Keefer
1640 Rt. 20 East
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Mr. Keefer:

This office has received a complaint concerning open burning on Keefer Metal Recycling property. This complaint was substantiated upon my visit on September 25, 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. Keefer, Keefer Metal Recycling has 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 October 19, 2007.

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
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

pc: Huron County Health Department
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