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Ted Strickland, Governor
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Re: Putnam County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation

December 14, 2007

Certified Mail

Jim Bendele
505 Wayne St.
P.O. Box 121
Ottoville, Ohio 45876

Mark Bendele
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P.O. Box 152
Ottoville, Ohio 45876

Robert Bendele
106 Sunset Dr
P.O. Box 4
Ottoville, Ohio 45876

Dear Sirs:

This office received a complaint on December 6, 2007 concerning open burning being conducted on your property. The complaint was investigated by this office on December 12, 2007. Based on our findings, there is sufficient evidence to determine that illegal open burning did occur and the complaint is justified. This a violation of OAC rule 3745-19-03.

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed. Please submit a written response to Ohio EPA indicating your understanding of the regulations and your commitment that no future open burning will occur. Your response should be received by this agency no later than December 27, 2007.

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.

Mr. Jim Bendle
Mr. Mark Bendle
Mr. Robert Bendle
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If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please call me at (419) 373-3137.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Cikotte
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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