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Re: Paulding County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation

June 20, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL
7006 0100 0004 1318 4214

Mr. Tom Grant
7573 Road 87
Paulding, Ohio 45879

Dear Mr. Grant:

This office received a complaint on June 10, 2008, concerning open burning being conducted on your property. The complaint was investigated by this office on June 11, 2008. Our investigation shows household trash including plastics, light bulbs, metal cans, newspapers and sticks were burned on the property.

Based on our findings, there is sufficient evidence to determine that illegal open burning did occur and the complaint is justified. This is a violation of OAC rule 3745-19-04(A) for conducting illegal open burning in an unrestricted area.

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 July 7, 2008

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.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please 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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