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Re: Open Burning Complaint
Putnam County
Notice of Violation

May 7, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mike and Melissa McLaughlin
21848 Road I 17
Cloverdale, Ohio 45827

Dear Mike and Melissa:

This office has received a report from the Putnam County Health Department concerning open burning of bags of garbage, tires and other various items on your property. This was substantiated upon my visit and our conversation on May 1, 2008. 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. and Mrs. McLaughlin, you have been found in violation of OAC 3745-19-04 (A): "No person or property owner shall cause or allow open burning in an unrestricted area except as provided in paragraph (B) to (C) of this rule or in section 3704.11 of the Revised Code". Open burning as conducted on your property is not provided for in these rules.

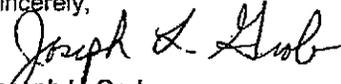
At this time, we ask that you submit a written response to the Ohio EPA regarding this report, your understanding of the regulations and what measures will be taken to prevent any further violations. Your response should be received by this Agency by May 20, 2008.

Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute a 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
Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

- pc: Putnam County Health Department
- Lisa Holscher, U.S. EPA, Region V
- Tom Kalman, DAPC, CO
- Tom Sattler, Supervisor
- DAPC, NWDO
- ec: Joe Grob, DAPC, NWDO