



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Northwest District Office

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www.epa.state.oh.usTed Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, DirectorRe: Open Burning Complaint
Sandusky County
Notice of Violation

May 20, 2008

Certified Mail 7006 0100 0004 1318 3170

Mr. and/or Mrs. Chudzinski
63 Bethany Drive
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Dear Mr. and/or Mrs. Chudzinski:

This office has received a complaint concerning open burning wood, junk and scrap on your property. This complaint was substantiated upon a visit by an Ohio EPA representative on May 14, 2008. While you were not at home at this time, a large burn pile was evident in the back of your property. 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/or Mrs. Chudzinski, 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. Some of the material on the pile is never allowed to be burned and residential waste can only be burned in an unrestricted area if the fire is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property.

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 June 2, 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,

Tom Sattler
Supervisor
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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