



Environmental  
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Putnam County  
Open Burning Complaint  
**Notice of Violation**

October 12, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL

Darrin J. & Cindy L. Verhoff  
Property Owners  
13101 State Route 15  
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Dear Mr. & Ms. Verhoff:

This office received a complaint on October 5, 2011, concerning open burning being conducted on your property near the intersection of State Route 694 & Putnam County Rd. 13i (Putnam County Parcel #8-023150.0100). My investigation, conducted on October 6, 2011, shows hay, straw and manure have been burned, and were burning at the time of my inspection, for disposal purposes. There was also a small fire ring on site containing evidence of treated dimensional lumber, plywood, plastic products and a glass bottle. These violations occurred within 1000' of adjacent residences in an unrestricted area.

Based on these 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). A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review.

Please provide a written response acknowledging your receipt of this letter and your understanding of the rules. If you do not understand the rules please contact this office for additional explanation before responding. Your response is requested no later than October 27, 2011.

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.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3137 or e-mail at [thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Cikotte  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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