



Environmental
Protection Agency

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

Re: Sandusky County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation

September 30, 2011

Certified Mail 7009 1410 0001 1834 0715

Ms. Judy Mauch
Washusky Farms LTD
3862 CR 111
Lindsey, Ohio 43442

Dear Ms. Mauch:

This office received a complaint on September 19, 2011, concerning open burning being conducted on property your organization operates near the intersection of State Route 600 and State Route 20 (Sandusky County Parcel #345000592700, and several adjacent parcels). My investigation, conducted on September 22, 2011, shows land-clearing debris was burned in multiple piles on multiple parcels for disposal purposes, within 1000' of adjacent residences, without permission from Ohio EPA and without the use of an air curtain destructor. Also, at the office location on CR 111, a metal bin has been used to burn plastic wastes and metal cans.

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 similar letter and the OAC rules are also being sent to William Smith because he, as the registered property owner, may be ultimately held liable for current and future violations. 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 12, 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Cikotte
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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