



Environmental  
Protection Agency

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

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

November 17, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Joel Perkins  
1015 Cedar Avenue  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Dear Mr. Perkins:

This office received a complaint on November 9, 2011, concerning open burning being conducted on property that, at the time of this writing, you are in the process of purchasing at 3874 County Rd. 220 in Findlay, Ohio (Hancock County parcel #020000003430). My investigation, conducted on November 10, 2011, shows that wood furniture, construction and demolition debris, household trash with plastics, steel cans, aluminum cans, aerosol cans, a mattress, an upholstered recliner and a small tire have been burned on the property for disposal. Per your admission, you did burn some of these materials for disposal on or about November 8, 2011. You maintain that most of the materials were burned by the previous occupants of the property. 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 December 2, 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.