



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

April 27, 2012

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002281

Certified: 70102780000197044350

Mr. Gale Lang
75 Lang Farm Road
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mr. Lang:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office March 28, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burned a house and other waste materials on Lang Farm Road in Washington County.

On April 11, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of a house, tree trimmings and other solid waste materials was observed on the property you own at 420 Lang Farm Road. As I explained to you during my investigation, standing structures and demolition wastes cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio for waste disposal purposes. I provided a pamphlet to you that explains Ohio's open burning regulations.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. This case is being referred to the legal division of Ohio EPA for enforcement. Ohio EPA has the authority to seek civil penalties as provided in section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. The determination to pursue or to decline to pursue such penalties in this case will be made by Ohio EPA at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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