



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

April 2, 2012

Re: Belmont County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002261

Mr. Jason Ayers
73060 Crescent Road
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

Dear Mr. Ayers:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 14, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn garbage, plastic-coated copper wire and other solid waste materials on your property.

On March 30, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to Melissa Smith. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage, a mattress and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained to Ms. Smith, plastics, garbage, furniture, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. I gave her my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

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. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

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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Cc: Bruce Weinberg-DAPC