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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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May 2, 2008

Re: Muskingum County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000183

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas  
6895 Pinecrest Drive  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701-7944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thomas:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 7, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning plastic and other solid wastes at your home on Pinecrest Drive, Zanesville.

On April 22, 2008, I investigated this complaint. There was no one home at the time of my investigation. Evidence of the open burning of trash was observed to the left of your driveway. This burn area is not 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. I left a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your front door.

On April 25, 2008, I spoke to you, Mrs. Thomas, by phone. As I explained during our conversation, to open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, etc., the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. Plastics and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

Open burning of this type 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 have any questions, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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