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June 27, 2008

Re: Muskingum County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000304

Ms. Anna Wood  
5325 Boggs Road  
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Dear Ms. Wood:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 27, 2008. The complaint alleges that household trash is being open burned at 1332 James Circle, Zanesville. I was told that you own this property.

On June 2, 2008, I investigated this complaint. I spoke to Ms. Stivers, your renter. She told me that she does not have trash pick up and burns her trash in a barrel in the backyard. As I explained to her at that time, garbage and plastics cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as tree trimmings, paper, cardboard, etc., the burn site must be at least one mile outside the city limits and 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. The property does not have an area that would be 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Therefore, it is illegal to open burn residential waste on this property.

Open burning of garbage and plastics is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If the open burning of improper waste materials continues to occur on this property, legal action may be taken against you as the property owner.

On June 3, 2008, I spoke to you by phone to inform you of the open burning violation that had occurred on your property. Please be sure that your renters do not open burn in violation of OAC rule 3745-19-04. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains this rule for you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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