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June 27, 2008

Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000304

Ms. Diane Stivers
1332 James Circle
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Dear Ms. Stivers:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 27, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning household trash at your home on James Circle, Zanesville.

On June 2, 2008, I investigated this complaint. You told me that you do not have trash pick up and burn your trash in a barrel in the backyard. As I explained to you 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. While your property is at least one mile outside the city limits, the property does not have an area that would be 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Therefore, you cannot 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 you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

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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