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October 3, 2008

Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000472

Certified: 70063450000190559680

Mr. Carl Gibson
5355 Center Road
Philo, Ohio 43771-9732

Dear Mr. Gibson:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 14, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning trash and household wastes on property owned by Hatty Gibson at 5455 State Route 555.

On August 22, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to Ms. Hatty Gibson. A burn barrel was observed in her side yard. She told me where you live and I attempted to speak to you at your home but no one answered the door.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be one thousand feet outside of the city limits and one thousand feet from the nearest neighbor. The burn barrel on Ms. Gibson's property is not and cannot be located one thousand feet from the nearest neighbors and, therefore, burning residential waste on this property is not permitted. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules for you.

Open burning improper waste materials or residential waste without being far enough away from your neighbors is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If you are open burning improper waste materials as the complainant alleges and you continue to burn these materials, legal action may be taken against you and Ms. Gibson.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure