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Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000864

Ms. Sarah Schneider
1030 Ritchey Road
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Dear Ms. Schneider:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 27, 2009. The complaint alleges that household trash has been open burned on your property.

On May 18, 2009, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you have burned your trash since you moved to this location. As I explained at that time, to open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, cardboard, etc., you must live in an unrestricted area and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. An unrestricted area is defined as an area one mile outside the city limits if the city has a population of 10,000 or more residents. I am not sure if your property is one mile outside the city limits, but there is no location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbors. Therefore, residential waste cannot be open burned on this property.

Open burning trash and other improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 (unrestricted area) and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule OAC 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action will be taken against you. I am enclosing a copy of this rule for you.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at 1-800-686-7330 or 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure