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August 5, 2009

Re: Muskingum County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000974

Ms. Shannon Garbor  
10115 Norwich Road  
Norwich, Ohio 43767-9730

Dear Ms. Garbor:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on July 10, 2009. The complaint alleges that waste materials are often open burned on your property.

On July 22, 2009, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you had burned some grass and other materials in your yard near the road. Evidence of the open burning of wood, aerosol cans, grass and other wastes was observed. As I explained at that time, to open burn residential waste such as grass, tree trimmings, leaves, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the fire must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your burn site is not 1,000 feet from your neighbors and it does not appear that there is a location on your property that would be 1,000 feet from your neighbors; therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste on this property. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

Open burning improper waste materials at this location 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 continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action will be taken against you.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
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