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December 31, 2009

Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint

Certified: 70073020000178848128

Ms. Huffman
3925 East Pike
Zanesville, Ohio 43701-8008

Dear Ms. Huffman:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 30, 2009. The complaint alleges that leaves and yard wastes are being hauled to your property and open burned.

On December 1, 2009, I investigated this complaint. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your front door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Evidence of the open burning of leaves was observed. To open burn yard wastes such as leaves and tree trimmings that are generated on the property, 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. The burn site behind your house is not 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Waste materials that are hauled to the property cannot be open burned.

On December 4, 2009, I spoke to you by phone and explained the open burning rules. You told me that your son-in-law had hauled the leaves to your property and you would tell him that he could not burn them.

Open burning of 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 allow the open burning of improper waste materials at this location, legal action will be taken against you.