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July 16, 2010

Re: Muskingum County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001460

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Barcus  
2070 Hopewell Road N.  
Hopewell, Ohio 43746

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Barcus:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 25, 2010. The complaint alleges that plastics, trash, garbage, tires and other solid wastes are being burned on your property at 2070 Hopewell Road N., Hopewell.

On June 29 and 30, 2010, I investigated this complaint. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. While I was able to see one small burn area from your driveway, I could not obtain access to the entire property (unleashed dog) to complete my investigation. I left a pamphlet on your mail box that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Plastics, garbage, tires or any waste materials that are hauled onto a property cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste, the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property appears to be) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building located off the property. Residential waste includes paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc. Campfires or cooking fires are permitted if you are using clean, dry firewood and the campfire or cooking fire is less than three feet wide by two feet high.

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. If you open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we may discuss this complaint and set a time to meet at your property.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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