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October 12, 2010

Re: Muskingum County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001576

Certified: 70101060000178960361

Resident  
9570 Blue Rock Road  
Blue Rock, Ohio 43720-9750

Dear Resident:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 31, 2010. The complaint alleges that you burned unknown wastes on your property. The pictures that were included with the complaint showed a large amount of black smoke from a burn area behind your garden, near the tree line.

On October 4, 2010, 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 on your mailbox that explains Ohio's open burning regulations.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. If your burn site cannot be located in an area that is at least 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential waste on this property. Tires, plastics, furniture, garbage, automobile parts, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

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 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 can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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