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November 19, 2010

Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001650

Certified: 70101060000178961566

Mr. Rusty Jordon
1660 South Cove Lane
Norwich, Ohio 43767-9767

Dear Mr. Jordon:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 28, 2010. The complaint alleges that you burn household trash and garbage at your home.

On November 9, 2010, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of wood, metal, plastics, and other solid waste materials was observed to the left of your home. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card in your door.

Please note that plastics and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. 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 any inhabited building not located on your property. As there does not appear to be an area on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not located on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

The 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. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules for you. 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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Enclosure