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June 8, 2009

Re: Ross County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000915

Certified: 70063450000190557884

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beatty
4084 Lyndon Salem Rd
South Salem, Ohio 45681-9702

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Beatty:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 27, 2009. The complaint alleges that a winter pool cover, trash, plastics and other solid wastes were open burned in your side yard.

On June 2, 2009, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mr. Beatty. Evidence of the open burning of plastics, a tire, cans, garbage and other waste materials was observed in a burn pile that was quite large. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, tires, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, yard wastes, 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 the nearest neighbor. Your burn site is not 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor. Therefore, you cannot open burn at this location. I gave you a pamphlet that explains these rules to you.

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. 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
Division of Air Pollution Control

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