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November 12, 2010

Re: Ross County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001625

Certified: 70101060000178961504

Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Cox
9715 County Road 550
Pleasant Valley Road
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-8325

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cox:

I am writing this letter in response to a report from the Union Township Fire Department received by this office on October 8, 2010. The report states that a trailer, wood and rubber were burned on your property and that the fire got out-of-control and burned an adjacent wooded area.

On October 14, 2010, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mrs. Cox. Evidence of the open burning of wood and the remains of a trailer was observed. I gave Mrs. Cox a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules. The open burning of demolition waste materials is not permitted 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 maximum fine of up to \$25,000 per day per violation. 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 will be taken against you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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cc: The Union Twp. Fire Dept., 12034 Pleasant Valley Rd., Chillicothe, Ohio 45601