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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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December 7, 2010

Re: Ross County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001680

Ms. Nicki Carroll and Mr. Jason Mault  
2013 Blackrun Road  
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-8509

Dear Ms. Carroll and Mr. Mault:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 15, 2010. The complaint alleges that materials are being burned on a daily basis at your home.

On December 2, 2010, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Ms. Carroll. Evidence of the open burning of residential waste and garbage was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, and garbage, as well as many other waste materials cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. You told me that you had just moved in and do not yet have trash pickup.

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 on your property. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

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 gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may 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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