



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

April 7, 2011

Re: Ross County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001786

Mr. Mike Montgomery
Liberty Baptist Church
1530 Western Ave.
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-1056

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 18, 2011. The complaint alleges that pine tree trimmings and pine trees are being burned at the Liberty Baptist Church, 1530 Western Ave., in Chillicothe.

On March 24, 2011, I spoke to you by phone in regard to this complaint. You told me that some tree trimmings were burned. As I explained at that time, because the Church's property is located in a restricted area (within a zone extending one mile beyond the boundary of the municipal corporation) and the church is not involved in crop, horticultural, or livestock production practices, trees, tree trimmings, leaves, crop residue, bags, cardboard, etc., cannot be open burned at this location. You assured me that there would be no more burning on the Church's property.

You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains this rule and a copy of OAC Chapter 3745-19 for your reference.

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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Enclosure