



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

May 27, 2011

Re: Ross County  
Open Burning  
Complaint

Mr. Robert and Mrs. Margie Bobo  
3229 Pennyroyal Road  
Clarksburg, Ohio 43115-9717

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bobo:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on May 5, 2011. The complaint alleges that couches, furniture, tires, and other waste materials were burned in a pit in your yard.

On May 16, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mrs. Bobo. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics and other solid waste materials was observed. You told me that you were unaware that this type of burning was not permitted until the sheriff and fire department told you it was prohibited. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, demolition wastes, automobile parts, furniture, etc. cannot be burned in Ohio. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules. You assured me that there would be no more open burning. There is a roll off dumpster on site to clean up the remaining waste materials.

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. 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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