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May 5, 2009

Re: Ross County
Open Burning #300000 26

Certified: 70073020000178822241

Mr. Mike Putnam
2410 Putnam Rd.
Clarksburg, Ohio 43115

Dear Mr. Putnam:

On April 1, 2009, while investigating a complaint of open burning at another location, I observed a fire at 2011 Putnam Road, Clarksburg. Demolition wastes, metal and large trees were being open burned. A house was in the process of being torn down on site. I spoke to area residents and was told that you were responsible for this property. I left my business card and a pamphlet in the door of your home that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

I later spoke to you by phone. You told me that the house in question belongs to your father and had previously caught fire. Your father is staying with you and you were having the property cleaned up. Sterling Construction and Bob Gillum were hired to tear down the house and they had burned two large trees and some demolition wastes. As I explained during our conversation, demolition debris, asphalt shingles, furniture, etc., cannot be open burned for waste disposal purposes. Open burning at this location for waste disposal purposes is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3724-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If you continue to or allow others to open burn improper waste materials on your property(ies), legal action will be taken against all parties involved.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
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