



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

June 17, 2011

Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001915

Ms. Brittany Blanton
P.O. Box
6865 Old Town Road
East Fultonham, Ohio 43735

Dear Ms. Blanton:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 6, 2011. The complaint alleges that vinyl, wire, diapers, and garbage are being burned at your home. The property is owned by Mr. William Vandegriff of Byesville.

On June 8, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You have two burn barrels where you burn residential waste, but not diapers. I also saw a burn pile on the ground with an end table on top of the ash. As I explained at that time, plastic materials, garbage, furniture, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

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.

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 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. 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 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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Cc: Mr. Vandegriff and Ms. Porter, 403 Shenandoah Drive, Byesville, Ohio 43723