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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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May 5, 2009

Re: Ross County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30000810

Certified: 70073020000178822319

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Yahn  
2641 Putnam Rd.  
Clarksburg, Ohio 43115

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Yahn:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 25, 2009. The complaint alleges that unknown solid wastes were open burned on your property on March 21, 2009. The Deerfield Township Fire Department and the Concord Township Fire Department both responded to the fire. The Deerfield Township fire report states that tires, vinyl siding and other solid wastes were being open burned.

On April 1, 2009, I investigated this complaint and left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. I observed two burn sites behind your farm storage building. Evidence of the open burning of wood, plastics, tires, metal and other undetermined solid wastes was observed. As I explained to you by phone on April 6, 2009, plastics, tires, automobile or tractor parts, buildings, buckets, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. Because your property is in an unrestricted area and the burn site is 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, you can open burn residential or agricultural wastes that are generated on the property such as paper, leaves, crop residue, trees, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc. You told me that you were not aware that it was illegal to burn these materials and assured me that you would not burn again.

Open burning 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.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Cc: The Deerfield Twp. Fire Dept.