



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

June 25, 2012

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002382

Mr. Jonathan Dishong
3560 County Road 9
Reno, Ohio 45773

Dear Mr. Dishong:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 5, 2012. The complaint alleges that wood pallets are being burned by Carl Dishong on County Road 9, Reno.

On June 21, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Wood pallets were being burned at the time of my investigation. There are a large amount of unburned pallets stacked on the farm. You told me that you were going to have a cookout later that evening. As I explained at that time, a cookout fire can be no larger than three feet by two feet. You are not permitted to burn painted pallets or pallets with visible powder or stains of unknown origins for a campfire or cookout. There was also a pile of nails from the pallet fires that was quite large, indicating that you have burned a large number of pallets on this site. Pallets or waste wood from the pallets cannot be burned for waste disposal purposes. Many of the pallets on site had powder or paint on them, making them unsuitable for cookout fires. Wood pallets, tree trimmings or any other type of material that is hauled to the property cannot be burned for waste disposal purposes.

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. Your parents, as owners of the property can also be fined if you continue to burn scrap wood and/or pallets on their property. 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 at this location or any other location in Ohio, legal action may be taken against you and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dishong.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the local health department. The information within this letter can be evaluated by local health department and further investigation may be initiated if it appears violations within their jurisdiction have occurred.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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cc: The Washington County Health District, 342 Muskingum Dr. Marietta, Ohio 45750