



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

June 25, 2012

Re: Harrison County  
Open Burning  
Complaint

Mr. and Mrs. Don Dowdell  
48075 Cadiz-Harrisville Road  
Cadiz, Ohio 43907

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dowdell:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 4, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burned a large pile of demolition wastes at your home.

On June 14, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mr. Dowdell. Evidence of the open burning of boards, tree trimmings, tree stumps and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, demolition or remodeling wastes cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. To burn the tree trimmings the burn site 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.

Ohio law allows you 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 at this location or any other location in Ohio, 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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