



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

June 25, 2012

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002386

Ms. Jessica Surrena
450 Rummer Road
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Ms. Surrena:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 15, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn garbage at your home.

On June 21, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to Laura Rosario. Evidence of the open burning of garbage, trash, plastics and other solid waste materials was observed. I left my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules with Ms. Rosario.

I spoke to you by phone on June 22, 2012, in regards to this complaint.

Plastics and garbage cannot be open burned 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 this property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on the 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.

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. 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
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Division of Air Pollution Control

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