



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Sandusky County
Open Burning Complaint
Warning Letter

June 20, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Stacey H. & Amy E. Ley
Property Owners
2447 County Road 41
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Dear Mr. & Ms. Ley:

On June 13, 2012, a staff member of the Ohio EPA observed a fire producing heavy black coming from what they believed was your property, addressed above. The complaint was forwarded to me to resolve.

Open burning, in most cases, is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19 and possibly a violation of local rules. Ohio EPA regulations pertaining to open burning are enclosed for your review. Please read these open burning rules carefully and, if you believe the complaint is either unjustified or the actions being conducted on your property did not constitute a violation of the rules, please contact me. If there is any confusion with our rules or you have any additional questions, again, please do not hesitate to contact me by any of the means listed below.

If I do not hear from you by July 5, 2012, Ohio EPA will take that as an indication that the complaint was justified, you now understand the open burning rules and no further illegal open burning will occur. Please be advised that this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date and/or if additional justified complaints are received after the receipt date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Cikotte
Division of Air Pollution Control

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