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Re: Auglaize County
Open Burning Complaint

Notice of Violation

March 25, 2009

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Troy Green, Co-Owner
B&G Recycling, Inc.
17437 National Rd.
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

Dear Mr. Green:

On March 24, 2009, this office observed open burning being conducted on your property. Based on our observations, wooden pallets, wood scraps, plastic automotive parts, coated wire scraps, miscellaneous metal parts, upholstered furniture pieces and miscellaneous items from the company's recycling operations were being burned in a restricted area. This is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03.

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning was given to you at the time of our visit, however, the regulatory citation given to you at that time was incorrect. Please follow the provisions of OAC rule 3745-19-03, not OAC rule 3745-19-04 as was previously explained. Please submit a written response to Ohio EPA indicating your understanding of the regulations and your commitment that illegal open burning will not occur in the future. Your response should be received by this agency no later than April 10, 2009.

Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to 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.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please call me at (419) 373-3137 or via e-mail at thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Cikotte
Division of Air Pollution Control

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**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	DATE RECEIVED	DATE(S) INVESTIGATED
NWDO	Auglaize	3.24.09	3.24.09
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AIR</u>		COMPLAINANT: (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #) Tom Cikotte – Ohio EPA DAPC
TELEPHONE <input type="checkbox"/>	INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/>	HPF	SUSPECTED SOURCE OF EMISSIONS:(INCLUDING PREMISE #) Troy Green B&G Recycling Inc. 17437 National Dr. Wapakoneta, OH 45895 419.645.4464
VISIT <input type="checkbox"/>	PARTICULATE <input type="checkbox"/>		
LETTER <input type="checkbox"/>	ODOR <input type="checkbox"/>		
DCN <input type="checkbox"/>	FUGITIVE DUST <input type="checkbox"/>		
E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/>	OPEN BURNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER		
STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT: Traveling northbound on I-75 I observed a plume of dark black smoke near the highway. I arrived at B&G Recycling to see a fire producing black smoke with 100% opacity at the fire. Investigation shows that a wood box, approximately 5' x 6', containing trash, upholstered furniture, plastic automotive parts, misc. plastic parts, metal scraps, coated wire (see attached pictures). There was also a very strong odor of burning plastic at the fire site.			
STATEMENT OF SOURCE OPERATOR: Troy Green, co-owner, stated that he had arrived only a few minutes before I arrived and that he had not instructed his employees to burn the material but it wasn't unheard of. He wasn't aware that he wasn't allowed to burn off the wood and admits that the trash and plastic probably shouldn't have been burned. He said that he'd like to get a copy of the rules so he can explain to his employees what is and what is not allowed to be burned.			
FINDINGS: JUSTIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT JUSTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> CANNOT BE DETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/>			
RECOMMENDATIONS: NOV, send rules DATE OF WRITTEN FOLLOW UP <u>3.25.09</u>			
CORRECTIVE ACTION AGREED TO BY SOURCE: Stop burning, tell employees that they're not allowed to burn "junk" anymore.			
COMMENTS: Gave Mr. Green a copy of the rules while on site. He was very cordial and polite about the situation, in general. Mr. Green asked what he was allowed to burn and I told him he could pretty much only burn clean, dry wood to keep outdoor workers warm in the winter. He asked me to look at their "burn barrel", which was a metal tube, up on end, approximately 5' in diameter, with a 4'x4' square hole in it. Also, there was a "trash bin", which looked like an old 200 gal tank laying horizontally with the top 1/3 cut off. I advised him to not burn his trash, even the clean paper wastes.			

INVESTIGATOR(S): Thomas C. Cikotte

DATE RESOLVED: 3.25.09





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