



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

July 19, 2012

Re: Guernsey County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002406

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dakin
221 Main Street
Kimbolton, Ohio 43749

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dakin:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 22, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn household trash and garbage in your outdoor wood burner.

On July 20, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to Mrs. Dakin. You told me that you do not have trash pickup at your home, but that you are getting trash service. Evidence of the open burning of cans, plastics, paper, wood, trash, plastics and household garbage was observed in the outdoor wood burner. This type of wood burner is approved for burning wood or coal and is exempt for Ohio EPA regulations as a home heating unit. It is not exempt from Ohio EPA regulations if it is used for waste disposal purposes.

I also noticed two burn barrels in your backyard. You cannot burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., on this property because the property is located in a restricted area.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. I gave Mrs. Dakin, a pamphlet that explains this rule. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-03 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,

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