



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

July 19, 2012

Re: Athens County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002453

Ms. Ena Sharp
36 W. Second St.
The Plains, Ohio 45780

Dear Ms. Sharp:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 28, 2012. The complaint alleges that you are burning demolition wastes from a house on Fire Department Lane and 2nd Street, The Plains.

On July 9, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. A house is being torn down on this property. You told me that your son-in-law burned some of the wood from the house. Evidence of the open burning of wood and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time demolition wastes (including wood, shingles, etc.) cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

Because your property is located in a restricted area you also can not burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc. on this property.

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 you 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,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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