



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

July 19, 2012

Re: Muskingum County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002424

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Luallen  
4670 Molly's Rock Road  
Adamsville, Ohio

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Luallen:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office July 5, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn your household trash, diapers and garbage in a barrel at your home.

On July 11, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mr. Luallen. There was a burn barrel next to your garden that was being used at the time of my investigation. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, styrofoam, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere 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 your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet (over three football field lengths) from any inhabited building not on your property. It does not appear that your barrel is 1,000 feet from your nearest neighbor's home. You will need to move the barrel to a location that is at least 1,000 feet from your neighbor's home.

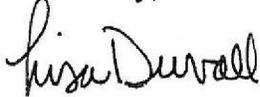
You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

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.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or  
1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Duvall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "D".

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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