



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

July 5, 2012

**Re: Morgan County
Open Burning
Complaint**

Ms. Brenda Clark
650 N. Pascal
Malta, Ohio 43758

Dear Ms. Clark:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 25, 2012. The complaint alleges that unknown wastes are being burned at your home.

On June 28, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you do not have trash pick-up service. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, cans, bottles, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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 from any inhabited building not on your property. If there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 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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