

Re: Crawford County  
Open Burning Complaint

**Notice of Violation**

June 10, 2010

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Bob Macum, Owner  
Chatfield Hardware Co. Inc.  
P.O. Box 7  
6907 Sandusky St.  
Chatfield, Ohio 44825

Dear Mr. Macum:

This office received a complaint on June 3, 2010, concerning open burning being conducted on your property, identified above. I investigated the complaint on June 8, 2010. My investigation shows the following materials were burned for disposal or were on site to be burned for disposal: Glass, construction and demolition debris, pallets, PVC pipe, cardboard, aluminum cans, fiberglass tanks, vinyl siding and carpet.

Based on my findings, there is sufficient evidence to determine that illegal open burning did occur and the complaint is justified. This is a violation of OAC rule 3745-19-03(A). A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review.

Please submit a written response to Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office indicating your understanding of the regulations and your commitment that no future illegal open burning will occur. Your response should be received by this agency no later than June 28, 2010.

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, I can be reached by calling (419) 373-3137 or via e-mail at [thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Cikotte  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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***Enclosure***

pc: Thomas C. Cikotte, DAPC – NWDO  
Crawford County Health Dept.

ec: Lisa Holscher, U.S. EPA Region V  
Tom Kalman, DAPC - CO  
Don Waltermeyer, DAPC - NWDO  
Tom Sattler, DAPC - NWDO

**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	DATE RECEIVED	DATE(S) INVESTIGATED
NWDO	Crawford	6.3.10	6.8.10
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AIR</u>		<b>COMPLAINANT:</b>
TELEPHONE <u>X</u>	INDUSTRIAL <u>   </u>	HPF	Sara Cotsamire P.O. Box 33 6948 Sandusky Rd. Chatfield, Oh 44825 419.569.9323
VISIT <u>   </u>	PARTICULATE <u>   </u>		<b>SUSPECTED SOURCE OF EMISSIONS:</b>
LETTER <u>   </u>	ODOR <u>   </u>		
DCN <u>   </u>	FUGITIVE DUST <u>   </u>		
E-MAIL <u>   </u>	OPEN BURNING <u>X</u>		
OTHER <u>   </u>	OTHER <u>   </u>		
<b>STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT:</b> Pile behind the hardware store. The store is burning. They had PVC pipe on the pile the other day and they have carpet on there now. She thinks they're burning at night.			
<b>STATEMENT OF SOURCE OPERATOR:</b> Owner was not there at the time of inspection but called the next day. Asked why he couldn't burn cardboard and wood (pallets). Said he thought he was allowed to do that. After stating that there was a lot of material that was neither wood nor cardboard he said that people from town throw their stuff on there too and he just burns it. He said that he can't afford to get rid of it any other way.  He said that he understood that he is responsible for what occurs on his property.			
<b>FINDINGS:</b> JUSTIFIED <u>   X   </u> NOT JUSTIFIED <u>   </u> CANNOT BE DETERMINED			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b> NOV <b>DATE OF WRITTEN FOLLOW UP:</b> 6.10.10			
<b>CORRECTIVE ACTION AGREED TO BY SOURCE:</b> No more burning.			
<b>COMMENTS:</b> Mr. Macom was somewhat defensive, first saying that he didn't have the money to dispose of it otherwise. Then he said that he thought he was allowed to burn cardboard and wood. When I told him that no commercial business is allowed to burn for disposal then he said people dump their stuff there and he just burns it but it's not all his. I told him he was responsible for what happened on his property. Then it was about how everyone else in town burns too and people are doing worse things than that by dumping their sewage in the creek. I told him I wasn't going to debate it; he broke the rules and he would receive a NOV. He understood and said that he wouldn't burn anymore.			

INVESTIGATOR(S):           TCC          

DATE RESOLVED: 6.10.10





