



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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Re: Crawford County  
Open Burning Complaint

**Notice of Violation**

November 20, 2009

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

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Charles & Vera Eicher  
Property Owners  
P.O. Box 236  
6984 Sandusky Road  
Chatfield, Ohio 44825

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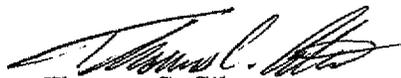
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Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date.

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Sincerely,



Thomas C. Cikotte  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	DATE RECEIVED	DATE(S) INVESTIGATED													
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<p><b>STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT:</b> At least 5 people are burning plastic in the town of Chatfield, Oh. She is willing to show us the burn piles. She stated that there is a pile W/ plastics in it ready to burn now. She said that the people burn mostly in the evenings. She talked to the town council but got no where. She also reported this to the Crawford Co. Sheriff Office. She will email us the addresses of the targets.</p> <p>“6994 Sandusky rd. Chatfield. Paint can &amp; plastic in this one. ”</p>																
<p><b>STATEMENT OF SOURCE OPERATOR:</b> They do burn and they’ve been burning for as long as they’ve lived there, over 40 years. Everyone does and they didn’t think there was anything wrong with it. They will remove the barrels though and they will put a burn ring there.</p>																
<p><b>FINDINGS:</b> JUSTIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT JUSTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> CANNOT BE DETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/></p>																
<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b> NOV DATE OF WRITTEN FOLLOW UP <u>11.20.09</u></p>																
<p><b>CORRECTIVE ACTION AGREED TO BY SOURCE:</b> No more burning trash and they will remove the barrels.</p>																
<p><b>COMMENTS:</b> Even though they said they’d remove the barrels and put in a burn ring, I told them it’s not a matter of what they’re burning in, it’s what they’re burning. I told them no more plastics, no more trash, no more garden waste. Only 3’x2’ fire. They said they understood.</p>																

INVESTIGATOR(S): TCC

DATE RESOLVED: 11.20.09

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