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Re: Crawford County
Open Burning Complaint

Notice of Violation

November 30, 2009

CERTIFIED MAIL

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Mildred Gibson
6952 State Route 4
Bloomville, Ohio 44818

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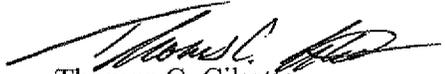
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Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to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

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Sincerely,



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Division of Air Pollution Control

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**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	DATE RECEIVED	DATE(S) INVESTIGATED
NWDO	Crawford	11/12/09	11/17/09
TYPE	AIR		COMPLAINANT: (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #)
TELEPHONE ___	INDUSTRIAL ___	HPF ___	Sara Cotsamire P.O. Box 33 6948 Sandusky Rd. Chatfield, Oh 44825 419.569.9323
VISIT ___	PARTICULATE ___		SUSPECTED SOURCE OF EMISSIONS: Mildred I. Gibson (65+) 6917 Sandusky Rd. Mailing: P.O. Box 32 6952 State Route 4 Chatfield. OH 44825 Bloomville, OH 44818 (419) 988-4151
LETTER ___	ODOR <u>X</u>		
DCN ___	FUGITIVE DUST ___		
E-MAIL ___	OPEN BURNING <u>X</u>		
OTHER ___	OTHER		
STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT: 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 nowhere. She also reported this to the Crawford Co. Sheriff Office. She will email us the addresses of the targets.			
"6917 Sandusky rd. Chatfield. Long on going habit for these people."			
STATEMENT OF SOURCE OPERATOR: Ms. Gibson admits that they used to burn on site but says it was a long time ago. She states that she no longer owns the house and that she turned it back over to the bank (ie: repossessed). She said she turned it over to Carla Markle (Citizens Bank, 303 Howard Dr., Sandusky, OH 44870, 419.627.4645). Ms. Gibson stated that she no longer lives in that house and has moved to the house at the mailing address above.			
FINDINGS: JUSTIFIED <u>X</u> NOT JUSTIFIED _____ CANNOT BE DETERMINED			
RECOMMENDATIONS: NOV DATE OF WRITTEN FOLLOW UP <u>11.30.09</u>			
CORRECTIVE ACTION AGREED TO BY SOURCE:			
COMMENTS: Pile in the backyard containing household trash, C&DD, drain tile, pillows, fiberglass insulation, cans, cardboard, glass, drywall, shoes, evidence of furniture (recliner).			
11.19.09: Spoke with Carla Markle, who confirmed the transfer of ownership but was unable to give me a date. She said she would send me an e-mail and provide confirmation, in writing of the transfer and provide the date. Also, she stated that the bank has already had a "clean-up crew" out to the property and they are aware of the burn site. The debris left on site is going to be removed of and hauled to a landfill.			
11.30.09: Carla Markle states that the title is currently in transition and the bank will be the official owner by the end of the week. Sending NOV to Mildred Gibson.			

INVESTIGATOR(S): TCC

DATE RESOLVED: 11.30.09



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