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Re: Crawford County
Open Burning Complaint

Notice of Violation

November 20, 2009

CERTIFIED MAIL
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Michelle Peterman
Property owner
P.O. Box 53
3575 Washington Street
Chatfield, Ohio 44825

Dear Ms. Peterman:

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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 December 4, 2009.

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.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Cikotte
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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Tom Kalman, DAPC - CO
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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

TELEPHONE	___	**AIR**			
		INDUSTRIAL	___	HPF	___
VISIT	___	PARTICULATE	___		
LETTER	___	ODOR	X		
DCN	___	FUGITIVE DUST	___		
E-MAIL	___	OPEN BURNING	X		
OTHER	___	OTHER			

COMPLAINANT: (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #)
Sara Cotsamire
P.O. Box 33
6948 Sandusky Rd.
Chatfield, Oh 44825
419.569.9323

SUSPECTED SOURCE OF EMISSIONS:

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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 no where. She also reported this to the Crawford Co. Sheriff Office. She will email us the addresses of the targets.

"Washington st. Chatfield Oh. This is where explosion occured with can that was thrown into fire."

STATEMENT OF SOURCE OPERATOR: None. No one home at the time of the inspection.

FINDINGS: JUSTIFIED X NOT JUSTIFIED _____ CANNOT BE DETERMINED

RECOMMENDATIONS: NOV
DATE OF WRITTEN FOLLOW UP 11.20.09

CORRECTIVE ACTION AGREED TO BY SOURCE: None. No one home at the time of the inspection.

COMMENTS: There is a large burn site (10' in dia) that contained the following: household trash including plastics, furniture, clothing, plastic toys, misc. plastic parts, misc. metal parts, a recliner frame, C&DD, automotive parts.

INVESTIGATOR(S): TCC **DATE RESOLVED: 11.20.09**

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