



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

July 27, 2012

Re: Pike County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002417

Mr. Max Williams
5805 Long Fork Road
Pike-ton, Ohio 45661

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 29, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn plastics, household trash and other wastes at your home.

On July 16, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you do not have trash pickup at this time. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage, clothes and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as this property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building that is not your own. Because there is not a burn site location on this property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building other than your own, 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. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. 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.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the local health department. The information within this letter can be evaluated by local health department and further investigation may be initiated if it appears violations within their jurisdiction have occurred.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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cc: The Pike County Health District