



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
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July 27, 2012

Re: Ross County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002449

Ms. Pamela Theobald
5985 Egypt Pike Road
Chillicothe, Ohio

Dear Ms. Theobald:

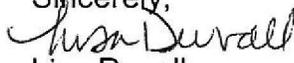
I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office July 12, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn household trash, diapers and other wastes at your home.

On July 16, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you had recently cleaned out your garage and your son hauled items that had gotten wet in his storage unit, including mattresses, to your property. These items were burned in your side yard. Evidence of the open burning was observed next to your house. Plywood, garbage bags and other solid waste materials were piled on top of the burn site. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, mattresses etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. Nothing that is hauled in can be burned.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. If there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
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