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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**  
**7007 2560 0000 4485 5454**

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

Dear Ms. Peterman:

This office received a complaint on November 12, 2009, concerning open burning being conducted on your property. I investigated the complaint on November 17, 2009. My investigation shows household trash including plastics, furniture, clothing, plasrtics, misc. metal parts, misc. plastic parts, a recliner frame, and construction and demolition debris was burned for disposal purposes within 1000 feet of adjacent residences in a restricted area.

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.

Michelle Peterman  
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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  |
| <u>TYPE</u>   | <u>AIR</u>                                       |                              | <b>COMPLAINANT: (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #)</b>  |
| TELEPHONE <input type="checkbox"/>  | INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/>              | HPF <input type="checkbox"/> | Sara Cotsamire<br>P.O. Box 33<br>6948 Sandusky Rd.<br>Chatfield, Oh 44825<br>419.569.9323                                   |
| VISIT <input type="checkbox"/>  | PARTICULATE <input type="checkbox"/>             |                              | <b>SUSPECTED SOURCE OF EMISSIONS:</b><br><br>Michelle Peterman<br>P.O. Box 53<br>3575 Washington St.<br>Chatfield, OH 44825 |
| LETTER <input type="checkbox"/>   | ODOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>         |                              |   |
| DCN <input type="checkbox"/>  | FUGITIVE DUST <input type="checkbox"/>           |                              |   |
| E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/>   | OPEN BURNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                              |   |
| OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>  | OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>                   |                              |   |
| <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. |  |                              |   |
| "Washington st. Chatfield Oh. This is where explosion occurred with can that was thrown into fire."   |  |                              |   |
| <b>STATEMENT OF SOURCE OPERATOR:</b> None. No one home at the time of the inspection.   |  |                              |   |
| <b>FINDINGS:</b> JUSTIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT JUSTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> CANNOT BE DETERMINED <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |                              |   |
| <b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b> NOV<br>DATE OF WRITTEN FOLLOW UP <u>11.20.09</u>  |  |                              |   |
| <b>CORRECTIVE ACTION AGREED TO BY SOURCE:</b> None. No one home at the time of the inspection.  |  |                              |   |
| <b>COMMENTS:</b> 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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