



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Crawford County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation

March 15, 2011

Certified Mail 7009 1410 0001 1840 9849

Mr. James Spreng
Longacre Farms, Inc.
1112 Hillcrest Drive
P.O. Box 487
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Dear Mr. Spreng:

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Based on these 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 3745-19-04(A). A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review, as the registered agent for Longacre Farms, Inc., per the Ohio Secretary of State.

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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.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3137 or e-mail at thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Cikotte
Division of Air Pollution Control

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pc: Crawford County Health Department
DAPC, NWDO File
ec: William MacDowell, U.S. EPA Region V
Tom Kalman, DAPC - CO
Tom Sattler, DAPC - NWDO
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**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	DATE RECEIVED	DATE(S) INVESTIGATED
NWDO	Crawford	3.8.11	3.10.11
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AIR</u>		COMPLAINANT:
TELEPHONE <u>X</u>	INDUSTRIAL <u> </u>	HPF	Name not left 419.606.8321
VISIT <u> </u>	PARTICULATE <u> </u>		
LETTER <u> </u>	ODOR <u> </u>		SUSPECTED SOURCE OF EMISSIONS:
DCN <u> </u>	FUGITIVE DUST <u> </u>		Burn Site: Spreng Longacre Farms, Inc. 4174 Lincoln Hwy Bucyrus, OH 44820 (419) 562-2808
E-MAIL <u> </u>	OPEN BURNING <u>X</u>		
OTHER <u> </u>	OTHER		Mailing (per Sec. of State) (Note new address): JAMES SPRENG 1112 Hillcrest Dr. P.O. Box 487 Bucyrus, OH 44820 419.562.1318
			John O. Spreng, Jr. Spreng Longacre Farms, Inc. P.O. Box 621 Bucyrus, OH 44820 419.563.6633
			Rick Hanes Hanes Construction 3433 New Washington Rd. Bloomville, Ohio 44818 419.561.1244
STATEMENT OF COMPLAINANT: Voicemail left on 3.7.11 @ 9:52am: Speech was muffled and phone reception was poor. "... been burning on old 330, east of Bucyrus." They been tearing down the buildings down & burning of over a week and a half." They dug a great big hole & they buried trash and shingles and all kinds of stuff." Mentioned shingles and thirties as well but couldn't tell if he was talking about burning of or burial of. Said it was an old farmer east of Bucyrus. Couldn't clearly make out a name. Sounded like "Sprague-Longacre Farm." Also mentioned "I didn't know you could tear down buildings and burn them. We were told you had to get a permit to burn stuff from EPA."			
STATEMENT OF SOURCE OPERATOR: Contractor on site said that the wood material had already been burned and there was nothing else left to burn. He was in the process of filling in the hole that was used to burn in. Contractor asked if "they knew how much more that would cost, to get rid of everything at a landfill?" Also said that the only demo they had left to do was the two concrete silos on site, each about 80' high, which they planned to bury.			
3.14.11: Received a call from John O. Spreng Jr., who runs the farm now. He stated that the address above (PO Box 621) is best. He said that he didn't really do any of the burning, he hired Hanes Construction to do the demolition, thinking that they'd know what they can and can't do. He wasn't aware of it. ***** Spoke with Rick Hanes and he didn't sound surprised. He asked who complained and I provided the phone number from the caller. He said he would look over the rules.			

FINDINGS: JUSTIFIED X NOT JUSTIFIED _____ CANNOT BE DETERMINED

RECOMMENDATIONS: NOV DATE OF WRITTEN FOLLOW UP: 3.14.11

CORRECTIVE ACTION AGREED TO BY SOURCE: N/A

COMMENTS: Cell phone out of Ashland, OH. Called 5 times and no one ever answered. There is no voicemail system and after 4 rings the call disconnects.

Excavated hole, approx 20' x 30' x 20' was being filled when I arrived. Walls of hole appeared to have been burned and there was some ash visible when I arrived but most of the hole was filled with dirt.

Refer matter to DSIWM for burial of concrete and possible demo and burial of silos.

3.14.11: Called number provided for Hanes Construction and left message. Rick Hanes later called me back and provided the address above. He didn't sound surprised about the fact that he couldn't burn. He never asked about the rules or what was or wasn't allowed to be burned, only if he could get a permit to burn buildings and how much they cost. After being told he could not burn such materials he only asked who complained.

INVESTIGATOR(S): TCC

DATE RESOLVED: 3.9.11





**SPRENG'S
LONGACRE FARM**

