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Ravenna Township Trustees  
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To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby cited for violations of Air Pollution Control Regulation 97.16 as adopted in Resolution 91.01 of the Portage County Board of Health, and Ohio Administrative Code section 3745-19 (Open Burning Standards). The violations have occurred on your property at 6651 Cleveland Avenue in Ravenna Township (Portage County).

An investigator from our office, Akron Regional Air Quality Management District (ARAQMD), observed open burning at the above-cited location on July 25, 2007. At this time contact was made, open burning regulations were explained, and a written order to "cease and desist" all illegal burning activities was issued. The Ravenna Township Fire Department was contacted and the fire was extinguished.

The fire department was requested to extinguish the fire due to 1) the nature of materials being burned i.e., rubber, plastics, metals, mattresses, various types of wood, other trash and the contaminants being produced by said fire; 2) the close proximity to residents in the adjacent mobile home park; 3) ongoing efforts to stop open burning at other businesses in the neighborhood by the ARAQMD and the Ravenna Township Fire Department.

In light of this violation, you are urged to take appropriate steps to be sure that no further illegal open burning occurs on this or any other township property. **Within fifteen days of receipt of this letter, please submit a written commitment to cease all further illegal open burning.**

Acceptance by this Agency of your commitment does not constitute a waiver of this Agency's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in Portage County Air Pollution Control Regulation 97.29, or to refer the matter to the Ohio EPA for their enforcement action (including imposition of civil penalties). The determination to pursue or to decline such penalties will be made at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 330/375-2480 ext 6051.

Yours truly,

L. M. Malcolm, PE  
Administrator

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Enclosure

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