



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, **Governor**
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Re: Seneca County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation (NOV) &
Return to Compliance (RTC)

August 30, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Charles Bentley
Tenant
P. O. Box 233
8482 Township Road 1018
Kansas, Ohio 44841

Dear Mr. Bentley:

This office received a complaint on August 14, 2012, concerning open burning being conducted on your property. My investigation, conducted on August 22, 2012, shows the following materials have been burned for disposal purposes within 1000' of adjacent residences in an unrestricted area: wood cabinets; construction and demolition debris; wood furniture; cardboard products; household trash including plastics; aluminum cans and; steel cans.

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 both Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04(A) and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05.

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review. Please provide a written response acknowledging your receipt of this letter and your understanding of the rules. If you do not understand the rules please contact this office for additional explanation before responding. Your response is requested no later than September 14, 2012.

Because the fire has been extinguished, you are no longer in violation and the property is considered to have returned to compliance.

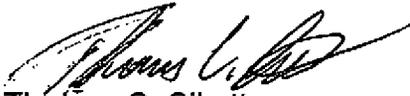
Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.06.

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The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date. The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter is dependent on several factors, one of which is your future compliance with applicable Ohio EPA requirements.

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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Enclosure

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