



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Van Wert County
Open Burning Complaint
Notice of Violation (NOV) &
Return to Compliance (RTC)

September 17, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Eddy Miller, Manager/Co-owner
Traveling & Recycle Wood Products, Inc.
P.O. Box 143
19590 East Bellis Road
Middle Point, Ohio 45863

Dear Mr. Miller:

On September 12, 2012, an Ohio EPA employee observed open burning being conducted on your property and the matter was forwarded to me to resolve. Based on these observations and my subsequent investigation, scrap wood from pallets and brush was being burned for disposal in a restricted area.

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 3745-19-03(A) and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05.

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has again 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 October 3, 2012.

Because the fire has been extinguished, you are no longer in violation and the property is considered to have returned to compliance. Be aware that these violations and future violations of Ohio's open burning rules may result in this office recommending elevated enforcement, which would include, but is not limited to, a fine, as described in OAC rule 3745-19-06(A).

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.

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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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