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June 21, 2011

Timothy and Nancy Thurman
817 Halter Ct NW
Canton, OH 44708

Re: INFORMATIONAL LETTER REGARDING OPEN BURNING

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thurman:

On June 17, 2011, the Canton City Health Department, Air Pollution Control Division received a notice from the Canton City Fire Department of an illegal recreational fire at 817 Halter Ct NW, Canton Ohio. The illegal fire was in violation of the City of Canton's Ordinance, Part 15 "Fire Prevention Code", Chapter 1513 "Recreational Fires". This is the 4th notice that we have received from the Canton City Fire Department regarding this property. The latest report was dated September 8, 2010 and it also indicated an illegal recreational fire.

The Stark County Auditor lists the owner of the above mentioned property as Timothy and Nancy Thurman.

Please be advised that there are State regulations regarding open burning. These regulations are in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) at OAC 3745-19. A copy of these regulations is enclosed with this letter. These regulations differ from the City of Canton's Ordinance cited in the first paragraph of this letter.

The specific sections of OAC 3745-19 relating to the fires at 817 Halter Ct NW are OAC 3745-19-01 "Definitions" and OAC 3745-19-03 "Open burning in restricted area". Two of the most important requirements of OAC 3745-19-03 are that it is illegal to open burn for waste disposal purposes, and paraphrasing the regulation, clean dry firewood is an acceptable fuel for the fires allowed under this rule. The owner of a property at which illegal open burning has occurred can be subject to administrative penalties of up to \$250 per day as described in OAC 3745-19-06. ***Please review these regulations and follow their requirements before any additional open burning takes place on this property.***

Sincerely,

Patrick G. Shriver
Monitoring and Inspections Supervisor

Enclosures: OAC Rule 3745-19

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