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October 30, 2007

Mr. John Anderson
2105 Maple AVE NW
Canton, OH 44714

Re: OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF CANTON

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Recently, an alleged illegal open burning was reported to the Canton Air Pollution Control Division, a Stark County representative for the Ohio EPA. It was forwarded from the Canton City Fire Department. Upon the arrival of the Canton City Fire Department to your residence early Sunday morning for what they believed was a structure fire, they discovered that you were burning illegal materials including pallets in a very large area for a recreational fire. Per their request, you had extinguished the fire. A member of this office investigated the complaint and talked with you concerning this matter.

Because you are located in a restricted area, open burning is prohibited except for very specific and minimal allowances with special conditions per the enclosed Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and the City of Canton Codified Ordinances 1513.02 and 1513.03. Any open burning on your property will be a violation of this regulation if **all** requirements are not met.

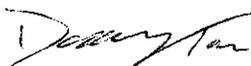
- 1. Application for approval of recreational fires shall be verbally submitted to the Fire Prevention Bureau at least forty-eight (48) hours before the fire is set. If a recreational fire is planned for a weekend or holiday, notification shall be given by 4:00 p.m. Friday or by 4:00 p.m. on the last business day before the holiday.**
- 2. The material shall be of the minimum size for the intended purpose, consist only of seasoned dry firewood and be ignited with a small quantity of paper. The fuel shall be chosen to minimize the generation and emission of air contaminants.**
- 3. They are not to be used for waste disposal purposes; and**

4. A recreational fire shall not be more than 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft. in dimension and shall not be permitted to burn longer than three (3) hours, unless approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau. All recreational fires shall be extinguished by 11:00 p.m.
5. The location of the fire shall not be less than fifty (50) feet from any structure.
6. A recreational fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished. Approved extinguishing equipment shall be available for immediate utilization at all times.

If you wish to properly dispose of freshly cut branches, grass, shrubs, leaves, and stumps, there are conveniently located recycling stations throughout Stark County. Enclosed are the open burning regulations for your information, and locations of yard waste collection sites.

This Agency would appreciate your cooperation with regard to this matter. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the open burning regulations, please contact me at (330) 489-3385.

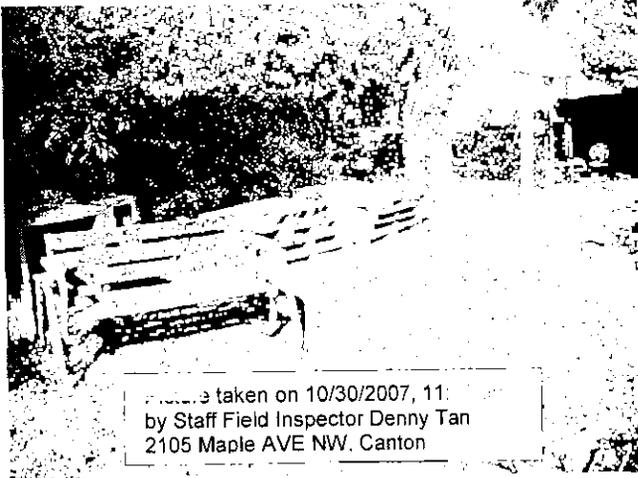
Sincerely,



Denny Tan
Canton City Health Department
Air Pollution Control Division
Staff Field Inspector II

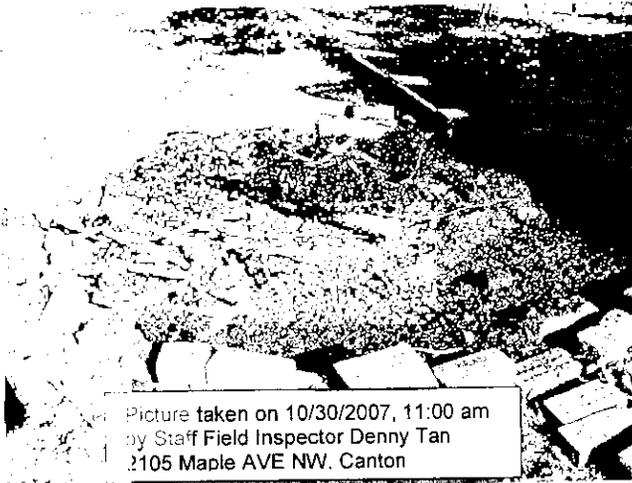
Enc: (1) OAC rule 3745-19-03
(2) Location of yard waste collection sites
(3) Ohio EPA Open Burning Regulations Brochure
(4) Photographs
(5) City of Canton, Certified Ordinances 1513.02, and 1513.03

Pc: (1) Addressee via first-class and certified mail
(2) Open burn file
(3) Violation letter file
(4) Chief Stephen J. Rich – City of Canton Division of Fire



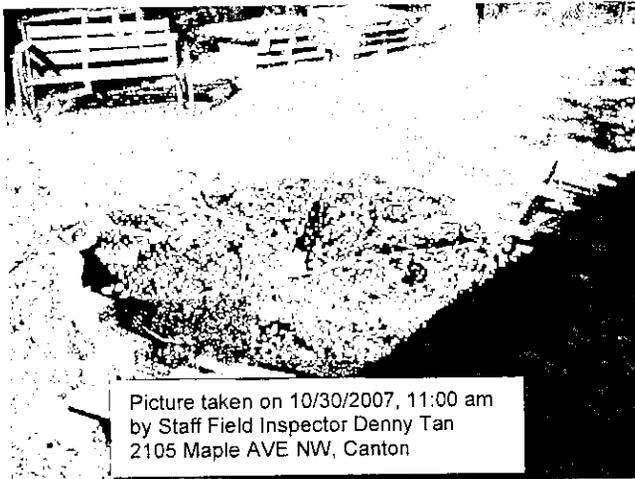
Pallets in rear of back yard to be used as possible fire fuel.

Picture taken on 10/30/2007, 11:00 am
by Staff Field Inspector Denny Tan
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A fire pit area approximately 10 feet in diameter with metal band straps remaining in burn area.

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