BEFORE THE

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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In the Matter of:

Wallace Geuy 8673 West State Route 29 DeGraff, Ohio 43318	: : :	**Director's Final Findings and Orders**

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to Wallace Geuy ("Respondent") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") §§ 3704.03 and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and heirs and successors in interest liable under Ohio law.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in ORC Chapter 3704 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Respondent owns the residential property located at 8673 West State Route 29 in DeGraff, Champaign County, Ohio. The property is located in an "unrestricted area" as defined in Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 3745-19-01(K).

2. OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A) prohibits "open burning," as defined in OAC Rule 3745-19-01(H), in an unrestricted area except as otherwise provided in OAC Rule 3745-19-04(B) and (C) and ORC § 3704.11. The provisions of OAC Rule 3745-19-04(B) and (C) and ORC § 3704.11 do not provide for the open burning solid waste within one thousand feet of any inhabited building not located on the property in an unrestricted area.

3. ORC § 3704.05(G) states, in part, that no person shall violate any order, rule, or determination of the Director issued, adopted, or made under ORC Chapter 3704. OAC Chapter 3745-19 was adopted by the Director pursuant to ORC Chapter 3704.

4. On April 9, 2010, Ohio EPA Southwest District Office received an anonymous complaint alleging that the Respondent was open burning demolition debris on his property.

5. On April 12, 2010, Ohio EPA inspectors visited the site and documented that open burning of demolition debris had occurred in a large pit area south of a pole barn on the property. In addition, the inspectors also determined that residential waste had been burned on the property and that the burning had been conducted within one thousand feet of an inhabited building not located on the property.

6. Open burning of such waste material is prohibited by rule, and the open burning was not otherwise exempted from the prohibition of OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A).

7. Based on the above Findings, the Director of Ohio EPA finds that Respondent violated the following ORC law and OAC rules:

- ORC § 3704.05(G), for violating a rule the Director adopted under ORC Chapter 3704; and
- OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A) which prohibits the open burning for waste disposal; and
- OAC Rule 3745-19-04(B)(3) which prohibits the open burning of residential waste within one thousand feet of any inhabited building not located on the premises.

8. On April 16, 2010, a notice of violation letter was sent to Respondent for the above open burning violations.

9. On May 7, 2010, Ohio EPA inspectors returned to the property in response to another anonymous complaint that the Respondent was open burning again. The inspectors found no evidence of new open burning on the site and observed that a significant amount of clean up had occurred since the April 12, 2010 site visit. The residential waste enclosure and much of the demolition debris had been removed from the property.

10. OAC Rule 3745-19-06(A) states that the Director of Ohio EPA may assess a violator not more than two hundred-fifty dollars per day through unilateral orders for each separate violation of the rules in this chapter for open burning on residential property.

11. Should Respondent fail to comply with these Orders, the Director of Ohio EPA may refer this matter to the Ohio Attorney General's Office where, under the authority of the Ohio Revised Code § 3704.06, the Director may request that the Attorney General pursue litigation and seek civil penalties of up to $25,000 per day of violation.

12. The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with the following Orders and the benefits to the people of the State to be derived from such compliance.

V. ORDERS

The Director hereby issues the following Orders:

1. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall pay Ohio EPA the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) in administrative penalties pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-19-06. Payment shall be made by an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for $250. The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, with a letter identifying the Respondent, to:

Ohio EPA
Office of Fiscal Administration
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

2. A copy of the check shall be sent to James A. Orlemann, Assistant Chief, SIP Development and Enforcement Section, or his successor, at the following address:

Division of Air Pollution Control
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate upon Ohio EPA's receipt of the official check required by Section V of these Orders.

VII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, State and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

VIII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking

penalties against Respondent for noncompliance with these Orders and/or for the violations described herein. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require Respondent to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3704 or any other applicable law in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of Respondent to raise any administrative, legal or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of Respondent. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations not addressed in these Orders.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Chris Korleski
Director

Date 9/22/10