



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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May 20, 2009

**Certified Mail**

Mr. Jerry Richter  
Garden Ridge Nursery  
05557 St Rte 66 N  
Defiance, OH 43512

**Re: Notice of Violation  
2008 Class III/IV Compost Facility Annual Report  
Registration Number 20-C3R-0833**

Dear Mr. Richter:

This letter serves as a notice that Garden Ridge Nursery failed to submit a 2008 Class III/IV Compost Facility Annual Report for its composting facility located at 05557 St Rte 66 N in Defiance, Ohio. On January 29, 2009, Ohio EPA sent you a postcard or email reminder and provided you notice of the annual reporting requirements. The annual report form was required to be completed and mailed to Ohio EPA and your approved local health department no later than April 1, 2009. Garden Ridge Nursery has not submitted its 2008 annual report, therefore the owner/operator is in violation of Paragraph (P) of Rule 3745-27-45 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

In order to redress this violation, the owner/operator will need to send Ohio EPA the completed annual report form upon receipt of this notice of violation. If the facility is no longer active, please indicate so on the annual report form. Please complete the enclosed annual report form and mail to:

Ohio EPA-DSIWM  
Attn: Composting Program  
PO Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

Please respond within fifteen days of receipt of this notice of violation. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me in writing at the letterhead address above or by telephone at (614) 728-5349.

Sincerely,

Joe Goicochea  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management

cc: Inspector, DSIWM, NWDO  
Application file

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor  
Chris Korleski, Director