



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

August 31, 2012

Re: Coshocton County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002510

Mr. Albaugh
57116 County Road 9
West Lafayette, Ohio 43845

Dear Mr. Albaugh:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 19, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burned unknown materials that created black smoke.

On August 21, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You had trimmed some pine trees and branchy shrubs and burned the trimmings in your fire ring. Evidence of the open burning of wood was observed. As I explained at that time, a cooking fire or campfire must be no larger than three feet by two feet and only clean dry wood can be used. In the future please be sure that all wood is dry before you burn it for a campfire/cooking fire.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. If there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location. Wastes from your business cannot be burned.

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-19-04 allows for campfires or cooking fires as long as only clean dry wood is burned and the fire is no larger than three feet by two feet. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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