



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

August 31, 2012

Re: Gallia County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002477

Mr. Jeremy Martin
4861 State Route 554
Cheshire, Ohio 45620

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on July 31, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn plastic coated copper wire, televisions, computers and other solid wastes at your home.

On August 16, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of paper, cardboard and trash was observed in a pit behind your home. You told me that you now have trash pickup and are no longer burning your trash or anything else. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, copper wire, computers, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

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.

You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location or any other location in Ohio, legal action may be taken against you.

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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