



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

September 18, 2012

Re: Meigs County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30001104

Mr. Wes Sisson  
42976 State Route 124, Lot 6  
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

Dear Mr. Sisson:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office August 24, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn tires, plastics, scrap from a boat you restored and other wastes at your home.

On August 29, 2012, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of wood, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. You were not at home during my first visit. I left a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules, at your residence. I stopped in a second time and spoke to you. At that time, I explained to you that you could not burn plastics, garbage or boat parts.

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

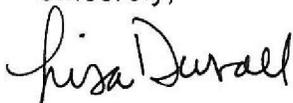
You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

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. 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Duvall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "D".

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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