



**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. James Croston
14461 State Route 124, Lot 6
Ashville, Ohio 43103-9474

Dear Mr. Croston:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 24, 2012. The complaint alleges that Mr. Wes Sisson, who lives at 42976 State Route 124, Lot 6, Pomeroy is burning tires, plastics, scrap from a boat he restored and other wastes. I was told that you are the owner of this property.

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. Mr. Sisson was not at home during my first visit. I left a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules, at his residence. I stopped in a second time and spoke to Mr. Sisson. At that time, I explained to him that he 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. Because there is not a burn site location that is at least 1,000 feet from the neighbors, he cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

He is 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 am enclosing a pamphlet that explains this rule for you. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If Mr. Sisson continues to open burn improper waste materials at this location legal action may be taken against you, as the property owner.

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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 cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure