



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

September 18, 2012

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002538 & 30002542

Certified: 70102780000197061500

Mr. Michael Elliot
Washington County Career Center
21740 State Route 676
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mr. Elliot:

I am writing this letter in response to complaints received by this office on September 7th and September 10, 2012. The complaint alleges that there was a large fire at the Washington County Career Center.

On September 11, 2012, I investigated these complaints and met with you. There were two burn areas in question. The first was at the heavy equipment area. Evidence of the open burning of trees was observed. As I explained at that time to burn land clearing wastes the property must be located in an unrestricted area, the fire must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building not on the school's property, an air curtain destructor must be used and prior written permission from Ohio EPA is required. The second site was near the pond, where there was a pile of unburned tree waste. We did not determine if this property is in a restricted or unrestricted area. Because this property is not defined as a residential or agricultural property you cannot burn any type of landscape or residential waste on this property. This includes paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19 and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a copy of this rule for you. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19 must stop immediately.

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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