



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

October 12, 2011

Re: Harrison County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002065

Mr. Chester Jeffries  
48009 Cadiz Harrisville Road  
Cadiz, Ohio 43907-9705

Dear Mr. Jeffries:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on September 26, 2011. The complaint alleges that you are burning demolition waste materials on your property near the fence line.

On October 4, 2011, I investigated this complaint and attempted to speak to you. It did not appear that anyone was home at the time of my investigation. I could not determine if you were open burning on this property. I have spoken with the local fire chief and he did not recall any fire calls to your property.

I would like to explain Ohio's open burning rules so that you can determine if you are burning in compliance with Ohio's rules. Demolition waste materials including wood, tar paper, shingles, flooring, etc. cannot be open burned in Ohio for waste disposal purposes. 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. Because 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 am enclosing a pamphlet that explains this rule for you.

If you would like to discuss this complaint or 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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Enclosure