



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

October 12, 2011

Re: Hocking County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002071

Certified: 70101060000178963256

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Williams  
P.O. Box 155  
Carbon Hill, Ohio 43111-0155

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Williams:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on September 28, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burn garbage and trash at your property.

On October 3, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mrs. Williams. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. You told me that you now have garbage pickup and had a friend with a loader that would be used to clean up the burn area.

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.

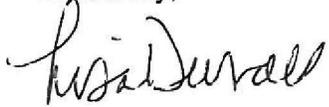
You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

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 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. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, 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 cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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