



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

Re: Ottawa County  
Open Burning Complaint  
Notice of Violation (NOV) &  
Return to Compliance (RTC)

October 25, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Ron Zeller, Owner  
Zeller Farms, Inc.  
1880 North Reiman Road  
Genoa, Ohio 43430

Dear Mr. Zeller:

This office received a complaint on October 23, 2012, concerning open burning being conducted on your property at 22950 State Route 51 in Genoa, Ohio. My investigation, conducted on October 25, 2012, shows brush a large stump and wooden wire spools were burned for disposal purposes within 1000' of adjacent residences in an unrestricted area.

Based on these findings, there is sufficient evidence to determine that illegal open burning did occur and the complaint is justified. This is a violation of both Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04(A) and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05.

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review. Please provide a written response acknowledging your receipt of this letter and your understanding of the rules. If you do not understand the rules please contact this office for additional explanation before responding. Your response is requested no later than November 12, 2012.

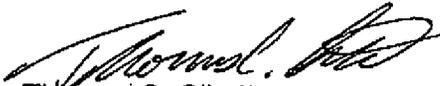
Because the fire has been extinguished, you are no longer in violation and the property is considered to have returned to compliance.

Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date. The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter is dependent on several factors, one of which is your future compliance with applicable Ohio EPA requirements.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3137 or e-mail at [thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Cikotte  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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