



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

December 6, 2011

Re: Athens County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002138

Certified: 70101060000178963539

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bookman  
5428 Happy Hollow Road  
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bookman:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 21, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burn trash in a barrel at your home.

On December 2, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mrs. Bookman. You told me that you do not have trash pickup and burn your papers in the barrel. As I explained at that time, to burn residential waste such as paper 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.

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 immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

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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cc: Bruce Weinberg, DAPC/SEDO