



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

December 2, 2011

Re: Washington County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002128

Certified: 70101060000178963478

Mr. Rob Simms  
11870 Veto Road  
Marietta, Ohio 45750-8488

Dear Mr. Simms:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on November 14, 2011. The complaint alleges that you frequently burn plastics, drywall, shoes, tires and other waste materials at your home.

On November 17, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of a burn site along the creek was observed. The burn site had been cleaned up. You told me that you were getting trash service and would not be doing any more burning. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

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.

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: The Warren Twp. Fire Dept., 17305 State Route 550, Marietta, Ohio 45750