



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

February 24, 2012

Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002204

Russ James Construction
3710 East Pike
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Dear Mr. James:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on February 6, 2012. The complaint alleges that on February 2, 2012 you were burning plastic-coated copper wire at 3710 East Pike, Zanesville. The Washington Township Fire Department responded to the fire.

On February 8, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you were burning wire and the fire chief advised you to put the fire out. The fire was extinguished at that time. As I explained when we spoke, plastic-coated copper wire cannot be open burned in Ohio. We inspected the burn site which has been cleaned up and the burn barrels have been removed.

Please note that a business cannot open burn any type of waste material for disposal purposes. Plastics, plastic-coated copper wire, garbage, demolition or construction waste materials (including wood) 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 am enclosing a pamphlet that explains this rule for you. All open burning in violation of 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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Enclosure

Cc: Bruce Weinberg-DAPC
Cc: The Washington Township Fire Dept. 2310 Adamsville Rd., Zanesville, Ohio 43701