



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

February 9, 2012

Re: Hocking County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002194

Ms. Mindy Brecken
23083 State Route 327
Laurelville, Ohio 43135

Dear Ms. Brecken:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on January 24, 2012. The complaint alleges that furniture and other solid waste materials are being burned at 23083 State Route 327, Laurelville, Ohio.

On February 2, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You told me that you and your mother had been cleaning up around the property and had burned some tree limbs and a sofa table. Evidence of the open burning of tree trimmings, garbage (cans) and other household waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, furniture, etc. cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules. Trash, garbage and other household waste materials should be put in your regular trash pickup.

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.

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. 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.

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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 black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Duvall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Duvall" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Cc: Bruce Weinberg-DAPC