



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

January 19, 2012

**Re: Vinton County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002185**

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mast  
52999 Eagle Mills Road  
Londonderry, Ohio 45647

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mast:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on January 6, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn garbage and household trash at your home.

On January 12, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you, Mrs. Mast. Evidence of the open burning of household trash, plastics, garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics and garbage cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as this property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. The burn site at your home is not 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. To burn your residential wastes (paper, leaves, and tree trimmings) you must move your burn site to a location that is at least 1,000 feet from your neighbor's home.

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**