



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

January 10, 2012

**Re: Muskingum County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002174**

Ms. Angelina Snyder
1665 South Cove Road
Norwich, Ohio 43767

Dear Ms. Snyder:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office in November of 2011. The complaint alleges that waste materials are being burned in your backyard.

On December 28, 2011, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of wood, a chair, Styrofoam, vinyl siding and plastic was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, Styrofoam, vinyl siding, etc. 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 your property is) and 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.

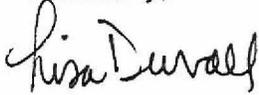
You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended.

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. I gave you a pamphlet that explains this rule. 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 that reads "Lisa Duvall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

cc: Bruce Weinberg, SEDO, DAPC