



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

Re: Richland County
Open Burning Complaint
**Notice of Violation (NOV) &
Return to Compliance (RTC)**

December 24, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Lee & Patricia Minor
Property Owner
1723 State Route 603
Lucas, Ohio 44843

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Minor:

This office received a complaint on December 17, 2012, concerning open burning being conducted on your property. My investigation, conducted on December 19, 2012, shows a pile of brush, household trash including plastics and some miscellaneous metal parts was burned for disposal purposes within 1000' of adjacent residences in an unrestricted area.

Based on these findings, there is sufficient evidence to determine that illegal open burning did occur and the complaint is justified. This is a violation of both Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04(A) and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05. To be clear, after a review of the area property limits, you are not permitted to burn any wastes on your property because you cannot stay on the property and meet the 1000' minimum distance from adjacent inhabited structures, as identified in OAC rule 3745-19-04(B)(3)(c).

Because the fire has been extinguished, you are no longer in violation and the property is considered to have returned to compliance.

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review. Please provide a written response acknowledging your receipt of this letter and your understanding of the rules. If you do not understand the rules please contact this office for additional explanation before responding. Your response is requested no later than January 7, 2013.

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Please note that the submission of the requested information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in Section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will determine later whether to pursue such penalties in this case. The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter is dependent on several factors, one of which is your future compliance with applicable Ohio EPA requirements.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3137 or e-mail at thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,


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Division of Air Pollution Control

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