



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

January 3, 2013

Re: Washington County  
Open Burning  
Complaint 30002610

Mr. Matt Fairchild  
107 Race Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mr. Fairchild:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office November 26, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn plastic coated copper wire, tires and other wastes at your home.

On December 19, 2012, I investigated this complaint and I spoke with Ms. Barb Cody, who owns the property. As I explained to her, plastic coated copper wire, tires, garbage, etc. cannot be burned in Ohio. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed in an area surrounded by blocks near the site where a home had previously burned.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area. This property appears to be in a restricted area, therefore, you cannot open burn residential waste on this property.

Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-03 and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a pamphlet that explains this rule for you. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-03 must stop immediately.

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