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**Re: NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

May 1, 2008

Pat Patterson  
Mr. Tree Farms  
1099 Reynoldsburg New Albany Road  
P. O. Box 561  
Blacklick, OH 43004

Dear Mr. Patterson:

This confirms our conversation of April 30, 2008, wherein I advised you that you were open burning in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 3745-19. These actions are subject to fines and penalties.

Specifically, on April 29, 2008, you were open burning agricultural waste in a restricted area without first notifying Ohio EPA. Additionally, you were open burning this agricultural waste within 1,000 feet from the nearest inhabited building off your premises. In the last few months, I have noticed that a family has moved into one of the houses on the street west of your farm. This means that you no longer have any place on your property where you can meet the 1,000 feet requirement and therefore you need to completely discontinue any burning of agricultural waste.

We are noting that we sent you a Notice of Violation for a similar offense on November 14, 2007.

This letter is not a final action of the Director of Ohio EPA and is intended only as a notification of a violation of the Ohio environmental laws and regulations. It does not preclude Ohio EPA or any other governmental entity from further enforcement action.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (614) 728-3808.

Sincerely,

David Burroughs  
Environmental Specialist  
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Central District Office

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