



April 29, 2013

Re: Pike County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002777

Ms. Rhonda Gambill
9662 Camp Creek road
Lucasville, Ohio 45648

Dear Ms. Gambill:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office April 25, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burn trash and plastics on the creek bank.

On April 25, 2013, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage, small motors and other solid waste materials was observed. As I explained at that time, plastics, garbage, plastic coated copper wire, furniture, etc., cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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. The remaining waste material at this burn site must be removed so that the ashes and unburned wastes are not washed into the creek.

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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