



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

April 7, 2011

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30001769

Certified: 70101060000178962143

Mr. Keller
2306 Rich Miller Ave.
Belpre, Ohio 45714

Dear Mr. Keller:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on March 4, 2011. The complaint alleges that you burned a couch, plastics, a mattress and carpet in your front yard.

In November of 2010, I contacted you by letter in regard to a previous complaint and explained Ohio's open burning rules.

On March 14, 2011, I investigated the most recent complaint. A burn area was observed in your front yard on the ground. Mattress springs that appear to have been burned were observed near the woods.

As I previously indicated, plastics, furniture, mattresses, garbage, etc., cannot be open burned in Ohio. 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. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action will be taken against you.

I am requesting a written response from you, within 14 days of receipt of this letter, which includes a commitment from you to stop open burning in violation of OAC rule 3745-19-04.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we can discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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