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November 4, 2008

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000628

Certified: 70063450000190563557

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schoeppner
103 Social Row
Marietta, Ohio 45750-1213

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schoeppner:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 27, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning tree limbs and yard wastes at your home on Social Row, Devola.

On October 29, 2008, I investigated this complaint and left a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules and my business card in your front door. Evidence of open burning was observed to the right side of your backyard.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, yard wastes, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (which your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your burn site is not 1,000 feet from your neighbors.

Open burning without having the proper distance between the burn site and the nearest neighbor is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. If you continue to open burn too close to your nearest neighbor, legal action may be taken against you.

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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