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July 2, 2008

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000331

Certified: 70063450000190562796

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wasmer
105 Creston Lane
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wasmer:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on June 9, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning trees at your home on Creston Lane, Marietta.

On June 17, 2008, I investigated this complaint. You were not at home at the time of my investigation. Evidence of the open burning of trees and stumps was observed. I left a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules. To open burn landclearing waste, you must be at least one mile outside the city limits, 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, use an air curtain destructor, and have prior written permission from the Ohio EPA. To burn residential waste, such as leaves, tree trimmings (but not entire trees), cardboard, paper, etc., you must be at least one mile outside the city limits and 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor. Your burn site does not meet these criteria.

I did receive your phone messages, but was unable to reach you at either phone number.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by fine. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials, legal action may be taken against you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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