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May 28, 2008

Re: Washington County
Open Burning
Complaint 30000224

Mr. and Mrs. Ruckman
45 Julian St.
Newport, Ohio 45768-5122

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ruckman:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on April 25, 2008. The complaint alleges that you are open burning trash in your backyard.

On May 6, 2008, I investigated this complaint and left a pamphlet in your front door. I spoke to you by phone, Mrs. Ruckman, on May 8, 2008. As I explained during our phone conversation, because you are less than 1,000 feet from the nearest neighbor, you cannot open burn residential waste, such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, magazines, etc. Garbage and plastics cannot be open burned anywhere in Ohio. You told me that you had been unaware that this type of burning was not allowed.

Open burning of this type is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
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