



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

July 1, 2013

Re: Guernsey County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002870

Certified: 70122920000138146307

Mr. Richard Ford
22 Ramsgate Lane
Lancaster, PA 17603

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office June 7, 2013. The complaint alleges that the residents of 7145 Bloomfield Road, Cambridge burned twelve bags of trash and pallets in a large fire in the backyard. The Guernsey County Auditor site lists you as the owner of this property.

On June 26, 2013, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of wood, trash, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. The residents were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules, in the door of the home.

Plastics, garbage, furniture or any type of waste material that is hauled to a property from another location cannot be open burned in Ohio.

To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as this 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 this property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on the property, residential wastes cannot be burned on this property.

A cookout or campfire is permitted 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.

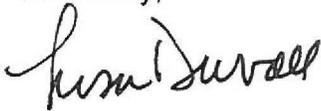
Open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a copy of this rule for you. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If the open burning of improper waste materials at this location continues legal action may be taken against you as the property owner.

Mr. Richard Ford
Guernsey County, Open Burning
July 1, 2013
Page 2

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, a plan and schedule for cleanup of the burn area and any remaining solid waste materials, and a copy of the landfill receipt as proof of proper disposal. Acceptance by Ohio EPA of a schedule for compliance does not constitute a waiver of Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. The determination to pursue or to decline to pursue such penalties in this case will be made by Ohio EPA at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Duvall", written in a cursive style.

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

LD/cs

Enclosure