



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

November 23, 2012

Re: **Belmont County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002598**

Mr. Jason Springer
55160 Poplar Avenue
Bridgeport, Ohio 43912

Dear Mr. Springer:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office in October, 2012. The complaint alleges that you are burning plastics and other wastes at 55160 Poplar Avenue, Lancing.

On November 8, 2012, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the open burning of wood boards and slats was observed. As I explained at that time, demolition and construction wastes cannot be burned anywhere in Ohio. I gave you a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

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

You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire 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. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location or any other location in Ohio, legal action may be taken against you.

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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 cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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