



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

December 11, 2012

Re: Athens County
Open Burning
Complaint 30002609

Mr. John Cullison
14755 Cullison Road
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Dear Mr. Cullison:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office November 23, 2012. The complaint alleges that you burn plastic and trash at your home.

On December 5, 2012, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of trash, plastics, household garbage and other solid waste materials was observed. I attempted to speak to you, but no one answered the door at your home. I left my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your door.

Plastics and garbage 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 your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. If 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.

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 immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location 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 complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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