# AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

JULY 18, 2013

Danita Norris
203 Bornique Pl SW
Canton, OH 44707

**Re: NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 3745-19-03; unauthorized illegal open burning in a restricted area; First Violation**

The Canton City Health Department, Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) represents the Ohio EPA in air quality matters within Stark County. As such, APCD employees have the authority to investigate and enforce Ohio EPA air pollution regulations.

On Saturday, July 13, 2013, the Canton City Fire Department reported to your home for an outdoor fire. Since this property is located in what the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-19-01(K) defines as a restricted area, OAC 3745-19-03(B) allows the following without notification to or permission from the Ohio EPA; bonfires, campfires and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational, or similar purposes, if the following conditions are met:

(a) They are fueled with clean, seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood;
(b) They are not used for waste disposal purposes; and
(c) They shall have a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height.

I visited the property at 10:00 a.m. on 7/16/13. No one was home, so I left my business card in the front door. I viewed the burn area, which was four to five feet in diameter and contained a mattress and a small piece of carpet. Photographs are attached for your review. Since these items do not constitute 'clean, seasoned firewood', the fire was used for the purpose of waste disposal and the fuel area was greater than three feet in diameter, this is a violation of OAC 3745-19-03(B). I am enclosing a copy of OAC Rule 3745-19-03 for your reference. Please be aware that Canton City has stricter rules on recreational fires. I am also enclosing a copy of Canton City's fire ordinance.

Burning household waste produces many toxic chemicals and is one of the largest known sources of dioxin in the nation. Other air pollutants from open burning include particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, lead and mercury. These pollutants have been linked to several health problems, including asthma, respiratory illnesses, nervous system damage, kidney and liver damage, and reproductive or developmental disorders.

This agency requests your cooperation by ceasing any open burning in violation of Ohio EPA regulations. Be advised that the Ohio EPA does have the authority to penalize fines of up to $250 per day to citizens for open burning violations, and does have the authority to request the attorney general to initiate legal action to seek additional penalties of up to $25,000. Since this is the first violation at this property, we will not take further action at this time. Any future violation will result in penalties.

Sincerely,

Linda Morckel

Linda Morckel
Monitoring & Inspections Technician, Air Pollution Control

Enclosure: OAC 3745-19-03, Canton City Fire Ordinance, photo documentation

cc: Canton Fire Department, Interoffice Mail
Correspondence
Complaints Database File #8111

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Photos taken July 16, 2013
by L. Morckel, M & I Technician

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| Burned mattress | Mattress springs with small piece of carpet |
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