

# AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

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### CERTIFIED MAIL

AUGUST 1, 2013

Ronda Bodager  
409 Superior St NE  
Brewster, OH 44613

**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 Monday, July 29, 2013, this office received a complaint of open burning at this address. 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.

On Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 10:45 a.m., Denny Tan, Monitoring & Inspections Supervisor, visited this property and observed the burn area, which was five to six feet in diameter and contained beverage cans, food cans, plastics and textiles. Photographs were taken during the inspection and are attached for your review. Since these items do not constitute 'clean, seasoned firewood', the fire was used for waste disposal purposes 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.

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  
Monitoring & Inspections Technician, Air Pollution Control

Enclosure: OAC 3745-19-03, photo documentation

cc: Correspondence  
Complaints Database, File #8121



Burn area, five to six feet in diameter



Construction waste, food cans, textiles



Burned plastic, beverage cans, food cans