



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

August 23, 2013

RE: WARNING LETTER
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CERTIFIED MAIL

Richard Siembor
5520 Lenox New Lyme Rd
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Dear Mr. Siembor:

The Ohio EPA has received information about the alleged illegal open burning of a demolished barn on your property at 5520 Lenox New Lyme Rd., New Lyme Township, Ohio 44047 within Ashtabula County. The open burning was reported to be actively occurring. A visit to the property on August 21, 2013 and subsequent conversation with you confirmed this allegation. During this conversation we discussed what materials may be legally burned in this unrestricted area and you were also provided with a pamphlet titled "Before You Light It... Know Ohio's Open Burning Regulations." During this conversation you indicated that you now understand and will voluntarily comply with Ohio's open burning regulations.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the open burning was in violation of OAC Rule 3745-19-04 which prohibits open burning for the purpose of waste disposal in unrestricted areas. Further, OAC Rule 3745-19-06 provides a penalty of up to two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250) per day per violation of the open burning regulations.

It is the responsibility of property owners to see that no illegal open burning is conducted on their property. Therefore, any further burning must cease immediately upon receipt of this letter.

If further violations are reported to this office, we will have no alternative than to refer the matter to our legal staff in Columbus for appropriate action. We hope that voluntary compliance will be forthcoming and this action will not be necessary.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at (330) 963-1209.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Van Valkenburgh
Environmental Specialist
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Air Pollution Control

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pc: Ray Saporito, Ashtabula County Health Dept.