



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

Re: Sandusky County  
Open Burning Complaint  
**Notice of Violation (NOV) &  
Return to Compliance (RTC)**

July 24, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Lowell A. Myerholtz  
Myerholtz Family Farm, LLC.  
Property Owners  
7078 U. S. Route 6 West  
Gibsonburg, Ohio 43431

Dear Mr. Myerholtz:

This office observed illegal open burning being conducted on your property on U.S. Route 6 near Gibsonburg, Ohio (Sandusky County Auditor Parcel Number 24-06-00-0002-00). My observation, conducted on July 23, 2013, shows a large brush pile was burned for disposal purposes within 1000' of adjacent residences in an unrestricted area.

Based on these findings, there is sufficient evidence to determine that illegal open burning did occur and the complaint is justified. This is a violation of both Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04(A) and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05.

Because the fire has been extinguished, you are no longer in violation and the property is considered to have returned to compliance with the above cited violations.

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review. Please provide a written response acknowledging your receipt of this letter and your understanding of the rules. If you do not understand the rules please contact this office for additional explanation before responding. Your response is requested no later than August 9, 2013.

Please note that the submission of the requested information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in Section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will determine later whether to pursue such penalties in this case. The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter is dependent on several factors, one of which is your future compliance with applicable Ohio EPA requirements.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter or the regulations, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3137 or e-mail at [thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:thomas.cikotte@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Cikotte  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosure

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