



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

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

September 13, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL

Denver & Jacqueline Zeedyk  
Property Owners  
7714 Jericho Road  
Hicksville, Ohio 43526

Dear Mr. & Ms. Zeedyk:

This office received a complaint on September 9, 2013, concerning open burning being conducted on your property. My investigation, conducted on September 11, 2013, shows evidence of the following inappropriate materials having been burned for disposal purposes on the property: 3-4 mattresses; a sofa sleeper; miscellaneous metal parts; an empty metal barrel which was said to have contained seed oil; a dead chicken; approximately four tires, and; a chest freezer. An area of the ground near one burn site was believed to have been saturated with melted plastic as well, possibly resulting from burning the plastic containers from liquid storage totes. It was also stated that tires have historically been burned in brush piles on the property.

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. To be clear, no materials are to be burned which contain animal waste, dead animals, rubber, grease, asphalt, liquid petroleum products, plastics or building materials. Be aware that future violations of Ohio's open burning rules on any property you own or are operating on may result in this office recommending elevated enforcement, which would include, but is not limited to, a fine, as described in OAC rule 3745-19-06(A).

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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 September 30, 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.

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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