



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

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

September 3, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL

Steven & Sara Siegenthaler  
Property Owners  
5191 East Township Road 138  
Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Siegenthaler:

This office received a complaint on August 12, 2013, concerning open burning being conducted on your property, located at 3375 North County Road 43 in Republic, Ohio, currently occupied by Scott Siegenthaler & Mary Geyer. My investigation, conducted on August 20, 2013, shows evidence of the following materials having been burned for disposal purposes within 1000' of adjacent residences in an unrestricted area: household trash with plastics; steel cans; aluminum cans; aerosol cans; yard wastes; food wastes; automotive parts; paint cans; evidence of a couch or other piece of upholstered furniture; sticks and; leaves.

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 because you, as the property owner, may be held liable for current and future violations. To be clear, when burning any type of wastes that are allowed by rule, one must be "no less than 1000' from any inhabited building" not on that property. From a review of the property limits, per the Seneca County Auditor, it has been determined that there is no point on the property where that 1000' setback limit can be achieved, therefore, you are not permitted to burn any materials for disposal on the property.