



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

September 13, 2013

Re: Athens County  
Burning  
Complaint 30002962

**Certified: 70122920000138147205**

Mr. Brad Bobo  
P.O. Box 257  
The Plains, Ohio 45780

Dear Mr. Bobo:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office July 26, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burn plastics in your wood burner at your shop on Main Street in Millfield, Ohio (Athens County).

On August 1, 2013, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. Evidence of the burning of trash and garbage was observed in your wood burner. As I explained at that time, plastics and garbage cannot be burned in your wood burner as these are not approved fuels that can be burned for heating purposes in a wood burner. Wood burners are exempt from Ohio EPA permit requirements when used for heating purposes if approved fuels are used. If the wood burner is used as an incinerator by burning solid wastes, the exemption for heating purposes does not apply. An incinerator is required to meet emission standards pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-17-09 and/or OAC Chapter 3745-31.

In addition, open burning of improper waste materials at this location is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-19-04 and is punishable by a fine. I am enclosing a copy of this rule for you. All open burning in violation of the requirements specified in OAC rule 3745-19-04 must stop immediately. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location or any other location in Ohio, legal action will be taken against you.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Duvall", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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