



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

September 27, 2013

Re: Hocking County
Open Burning
Complaint 30003024

Mr. Ron Barker
JPEC, LLC
148 W. Fair Ave.
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Mr. Barker:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on August 30, 2013. The complaint alleges that Ricketts' Excavating is burning unknown wastes on property at 13559 East Buck Run Road, Rockbridge.

On September 3, 2013, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of open burning of wood was observed in two areas. The burn site near the driveway appeared to be a campfire. The second site closer to the creek was larger and had three metal rings in the ash. I attempted to speak to one of you, but no one was home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet that explains Ohio's open burning rules in your door. It appears that you have cleared part of the property and burned some of the trees and brush that had been cleared from the property.

You are permitted to have a cookout or campfire using clean, seasoned firewood if the fire is not more than two feet in height and not more than three feet in diameter. The fire must be put out when the cookout/campfire is over and cannot be left unattended. Land clearing wastes cannot be open burned without prior written permission from the Ohio EPA and an air curtain destructor must be used. Because this is not a residential property, residential wastes such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, etc., cannot be burned on this property.

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.

Please contact me at 740-380-5217 or 1-800-686-7330 so that we can discuss this complaint.

Sincerely,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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