



October 8, 2013

Re: Jefferson County
Open Burning
Complaint 30003050

Mr. Albert Schockow
99 Township Road 1078
Unionport, Ohio 43910

Dear Mr. Schockow:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office September 12, 2013. The complaint alleges that you burned unknown wastes that created bad odors in the neighborhood near your residence.

On September 24, 2013, I investigated this complaint. Evidence of the open burning of trash, plastics, household garbage, paper and other solid waste materials was observed behind your home and in a bucket on the steps. I attempted to speak to you, but you were not home at the time of my investigation. I left my business card and a pamphlet in your door that explains Ohio's open burning rules.

Plastics and garbage cannot be open burned in Ohio. To open burn residential waste such as paper, leaves, tree trimmings, cardboard, etc., the property must be located in an unrestricted area (as your property is) and the burn site must be at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property. Because there is not a burn site location on your property that is at least 1,000 feet from any inhabited building not on your property, you cannot open burn residential waste at this location.

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.

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. If you continue to open burn improper waste materials at this location or any other location in Ohio, legal action may 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,

Lisa Duvall
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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