



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Hancock County  
Quality Ready Mix  
Facility ID# 0332002009  
Notice of Violation (NOV) &  
Return to Compliance (RTC)

March 16, 2012

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Mike Thomas, Site Manager  
Quality Ready Mix - 0332002009  
750 County Road 220  
Van Buren, Ohio 45889

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On March 13, 2012, I observed open burning being conducted on your property. Based on these observations and our subsequent conversation, office trash, waste food containers, cardboard products and a glass jar was being burned for disposal in an unrestricted area. Illegal open burning did occur and this is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code rule 3745-19-04(A).

A copy of the OAC rules pertaining to open burning has been enclosed for your review. 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 April 2, 2012. Please be aware that a similar letter and the OAC rules are also being sent to John Hirschfeld of CAMPO 75, LLC., because he, as the property owner, may be ultimately be held liable for current and future violations.

Because the fire has been extinguished, you are no longer in violation and the property is considered to have returned to compliance.

Please be advised that the submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date. 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.

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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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