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Department of Environmental Quality

Resident:

ADEQ Office of Air Quality has received a complaint that open burning of prohibited items has been occurring at this location. During my investigation today, I observed evidence of the following prohibited activity:

- Burning of household trash and garbage
- Burning of trade waste
- Burning of other prohibited items

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation Number 18 entitled Arkansas Pollution Control Code, in Section 18.602, states:

“No person shall cause or permit the open burning of refuse, garbage, trade waste, or other waste material, or shall conduct a salvage operation by open burning”

Continued incidents regarding open burning, as well as any other information pertaining to these incidents may be referred to the ADEQ Office of Air Quality Enforcement Section and could result in fines of up to \$10,000 per incident.

ADEQ strongly discourages open burning of any material. We encourage you to consider alternatives for the disposal of waste for the prevention of fire hazards, the protection of air quality in your community as well as consideration for those who live in the immediate surroundings. Local prohibitions may also exist regarding the open burning of yard waste.

Some options for alternative means of disposal of yard waste are:

- Mulch grass clippings and leave them on the ground for a healthier lawn.
- Mulch fallen leaves to use on your lawn, shrubs, and flower beds.
- Compost yard waste and add to your soil to enrich.

In addition, ADEQ has an extensive website which describes other methods as well as locations to dispose of other items. The website can be found at <http://adeq.state.ar.us>. Described on the Solid Waste page of the website is information regarding opportunities and locations to take items to ensure they will be recycled versus being placed in a landfill. Such as:

- The locations of permitted facilities that can accept old tires.
- Where and how to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste such as paint, herbicides, pesticides, paint, car oil etc.
- Maps to locate which permitted landfill is closest and what classification the landfill is, which determines what types of material they can accept.

Check with your solid waste hauler or local sanitation department to see if a yard waste collection program or a drop-off program is available to you. Please do your part to help protect the environment of Arkansas.

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