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CERTIFIED MAIL

Richard Oliver
2414 3rd Street SE
Canton, Ohio 44707

Re: Director's Unilateral Final Findings and Orders for violation of OAC Chapter 3745-19 at 2414 3rd Street SE, Canton, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Transmitted herewith are Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") of the Director of Ohio EPA concerning the above-referenced matter.

These Orders are being issued pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 3745-19-06(A) which states, in part, that the Director may assess a violator not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per day for each separate violation of the rules of OAC Chapter 3745-19 for open burning of residential waste and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each separate violation of the rules in this Chapter for open burning of all wastes that are not residential waste. A copy of this rule is attached.

Should you fail to comply with these Orders, the Director of Ohio EPA may refer this matter to the Ohio Attorney General's Office where, under the authority of Ohio Revised Code § 3704.06, the Director may request that the Attorney General pursue litigation and seek civil penalties of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per day of violation.

You are hereby informed that the action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that

a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

The Environmental Review Appeals Commission
77 South High Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Please note that the effective date of the Orders is the date that the Orders were entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal, which is the date stamped on the first page of the Orders.

Sincerely,



James Kavalec, Manager
Compliance/Enforcement Section
Division of Air Pollution Control

Enclosures

xc: Muhammad Elsalahat, DAPC/CO
Stephen Feldmann, Legal Office
Terri Dzients/Neil DelCorso, Canton City Health Department, APCD

BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the Matter of:

Richard Oliver	:	<u>Director's Final Findings</u>
2414 3rd Street SE	:	<u>and Orders</u>
Canton, Ohio 44707	:	

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to Richard Oliver ("Respondent") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") §§ 3704.03 and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and heirs and successors in interest liable under Ohio law.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in ORC Chapter 3704 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Respondent owns property located at 2414 3rd Street SE, Canton, Stark County, Ohio and allowed open burning on the property. The property is located in an "unrestricted area" as defined in Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 3745-19-01(N).
2. OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A) prohibits "open burning," as defined in OAC Rule 3745-19-01(K), in an unrestricted area except as otherwise provided in OAC Rule 3745-19-04(B) through (D) and ORC § 3704.11.
3. OAC Rule 3745-19-04(B)(3)(c) states, in part, that open burning shall be allowed for disposal of residential waste or agricultural waste generated on the premises if the fire is located at a point on the premises no less than one thousand feet from any inhabited building not located on said premises and no materials are burned which contain rubber, grease, asphalt, liquid petroleum products, plastics or building materials.

4. ORC § 3704.05(G) states, in part, that no person shall violate any order, rule, or determination of the Director issued, adopted, or made under ORC Chapter 3704. OAC Chapter 3745-19 was adopted by the Director pursuant to ORC Chapter 3704.

5. On June 21, 2016, Canton City Health Department, Air Pollution Control Division (CCHD-APCD) received a complaint of open burning at Respondent's address. The Canton Fire Department reported that on June 4, 2016 they responded to an unauthorized burn at Respondent's address and found burning debris in the back of the lot. On June 22, 2016 CCHD-APCD conducted a complaint investigation and observed a burn area behind the garage 10 feet, 8 inches in diameter that contained metal, burned mesh similar to a textile or rubber reinforcement, painted wood, building materials, and large branches. The burn site is located within 1000' of adjacent residences in an unrestricted area. This is a violation of both OAC rule 3745-19-04(A) and ORC § 3704.05. By letter dated July 6, 2016, CCHD-APCD notified Respondent of the violations of OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A) and ORC § 3704.05(G).

6. As a result of the open burning incident, the Director of Ohio EPA finds that Respondent violated OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A) and ORC § 3704.05(G) for conducting prohibited open burning in an unrestricted area.

7. Through unilateral orders, the Director may assess a violator not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per day for each separate violation of the rules of OAC Chapter 3745-19 for open burning of residential waste and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each separate violation of the rules in this Chapter for open burning of all wastes that are not residential waste. A separate penalty is assessed for each day the violation occurs.

8. Should Respondent fail to comply with these Orders, the Director of Ohio EPA may refer this matter to the Ohio Attorney General's Office where, under the authority of the ORC § 3704.06, the Director may request that the Attorney General pursue litigation and seek civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day of violation.

9. The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with the following Orders and their relation to benefits to the people of the State to be derived from such compliance.

V. ORDERS

The Director hereby issues the following Order:

Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall pay Ohio EPA the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in administrative penalties pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-19-06. Payment shall be made by an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for \$250. The official check shall be submitted to Carol Butler, or her successor, with a letter identifying the Respondent, to:

Ohio EPA
Office of Fiscal Administration
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate upon Ohio EPA's receipt of the official check required by Section V of these Orders.

VII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, State and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

VIII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking penalties against Respondent for noncompliance with these Orders and/or for the violations described herein. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require Respondent to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3704 or any other applicable law in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of Respondent to raise any administrative, legal or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of Respondent. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations not addressed in these Orders.

IX. APPEAL RIGHTS

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement

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X. EFFECTIVE DATE

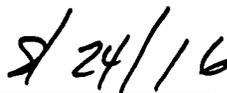
The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency



Craig W. Butler
Director



Date