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By: [Signature] Date: 3-11-08

BEFORE THE

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REDIRECTOR'S JOURNAL

In the Matter of:

Peggy J. Criswell : Director's Final Findings
2437 Smeltzer Road : and Orders
Marion, Ohio 43302 :

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to Peggy J. Criswell ("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. No change in ownership of the property as hereinafter defined shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

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 a residential property located at 2437 Smeltzer Road in Marion Township, Marion County, Ohio. This property is located in an "unrestricted area," as defined in Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 3745-19-01(K).

2. OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A) prohibits any person or property owner from causing or allowing open burning in an unrestricted area except as provided in OAC Rule 3745-19-04(B) to (C) and in ORC § 3704.11. The open burning of a residential structure without obtaining a permit from Ohio EPA is not one of the exemptions provided by law or rule.

3. On March 16, 2007, Jerald Criswell ("Mr. Criswell") of the same address as Respondent requested Pleasant Township Fire Department ("PTFD") to burn the remaining building materials after Respondent's house located at 2437 Smeltzer Road was involved

in a fire on March 6, 2007. PTFD informed Mr. Criswell that open burning could not be conducted without obtaining appropriate permits from Ohio EPA.

4. On April 2, 2007, PTFD responded to and extinguished a fire on Respondent's property located at 2437 Smeltzer Road. Upon arrival, PTFD discovered that the open burning was intentionally conducted to burn the remaining portion of Respondent's house that was previously involved in a fire.

5. Since Respondent caused or allowed this open burning on her property, Respondent was in violation of OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A).

6. On October 9, 2007, Ohio EPA issued a notice of violation ("NOV") letter to Mr. Criswell, citing the violation of OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A), under the assumption that he is the owner of the property. It was determined later that Respondent is the owner of the property.

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 on residential property as specified in OAC Rule 3745-19-06. If the violator fails to comply with the Orders, the Director has the authority, under ORC § 3704.06, to request the Attorney General to initiate legal action to seek penalties of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each day of each violation.

8. The OAC violation cited in the above findings also constitutes a violation of ORC § 3704.05(G), which 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.

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 be derived from such compliance.

V. ORDERS

The Director hereby issues the following Orders:

1. Upon the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall cease to cause or allow open burning, on her property, in violation of OAC Rule 3745-09-04(A) and ORC § 3704.05(G), and shall remain in compliance with such rule thereafter.

2. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall pay Ohio EPA the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) in settlement of

Ohio EPA's claims for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to ORC § 3704.06. Payment shall be made by an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" for \$250. The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, together with a letter identifying the Respondent and the property, to the following address:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Fiscal Administration
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

3. A copy of the check shall be sent to James A. Orlemann, Assistant Chief, SIP Development and Enforcement, or his successor, at the following address:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Air Pollution Control
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate when Respondent certifies in writing and demonstrates to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondent has performed all obligations under these Orders and the Chief of Ohio EPA's Division of Air Pollution Control acknowledges, in writing, the termination of these Orders. If Ohio EPA does not agree that all obligations have been performed, then Ohio EPA will notify Respondent of the obligations that have not been performed, in which case Respondent shall have an opportunity to address any such deficiencies and seek termination as described above.

The certification shall contain the following attestation: "I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this certification is true, accurate and complete."

This certification shall be signed by Respondent and submitted to Ohio EPA.

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. 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



Chris Korleski
Director

Date 3/3/08