



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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June 25, 2024

VIA US POSTAL SERVICE

Mr. Mike Hines

Rose Acre Farms, Inc. – Jen Acre Pullets Plus

1657 N County Road 175 E

North Vernon, Indiana 47265

Re: Open Burning Violation Letter  
Source ID N/A  
North Vernon, Jennings County

Dear Mr. Mike Hines:

On June 3, 2024, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Air Quality (OAQ), received a complaint alleging that open burning in violation of 326 IAC 4-1 has been conducted by you or on your property located at 1657 N County Road 175 E in North Vernon, Indiana. A copy of the open burning rule, 326 IAC 4-1, is enclosed.

At the time of the report, the following violation was noted:

- 1) Open burning, in violation of 326 IAC 4-1, was determined.

Please be aware, 326 IAC 4-1 prohibits open burning with only a few exceptions. Specifically, 326 IAC 4-1 prohibits open burning by a business for disposal purposes. The open burning observed on June 3, 2024, does not qualify for approved agricultural burning, nor was open burning approval granted. Additionally, the burning was not attended, which is in violation of 326 IAC 4-1.

The Office of Air Quality will not take legal action at this time. However, any additional violation(s) in the future may result in the pursuit of legal action. Please direct any questions to Jeremiah Hunt, Office of Air Quality Compliance Inspector, at 812-582-0011 or by email at [jvhunt@idem.IN.gov](mailto:jvhunt@idem.IN.gov). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Amick, Director  
Southeast Regional Office

ACES Complaint ID: 298331  
ACES VL ID: 298330  
Tempo RM: 112918

ENCLOSURES: 326 IAC 4-1 Open Burning Rule  
Business Open Burning Postcard

cc: Jennings Co. Health Department - [proe@jenningscounty-in.gov](mailto:proe@jenningscounty-in.gov)  
Jeremiah Hunt, Office of Air Quality