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Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy
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Dear Ms. Owens:

I do not feel I was violating any laws by burning rough sawn ash 2x4, 4x4 and 1 inch boards. This material had been stored outside and could not be used for making shipping skids.

We are a rural township and there was snow on the ground so I didn't think I needed a burn permit. Also burned was a cardboard box that was too wet to recycle and a few broken pallets. Our cardboard recycling and all waste goes to Republic Services.

There is a sizeable ash pile there because we cleared the lots last year and we have not cleaned up the pile. The house and garage on these lots was removed last year and all material went to Republic Services. The removal was permitted through Joyfield Township and Benzie County.

We do not make a habit of burning at our business but felt this was the best way to dispose of the wood. If you have any questions or comments you can reach me at rgillison@gillisons.com or 231-882-5921.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Gillison
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