(a) Open Burning Prohibited. A person shall not cause, allow, or permit open burning of combustible material except as allowed by 15A NCAC 02D .1903 and .1904.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to control air pollution resulting from the open burning of combustible materials and to protect the air quality in the immediate area of the open burning.

(c) Scope. This Section applies to all operations involving open burning. This Section does not authorize any open burning that is a crime pursuant to G.S. 14-136, G.S. 14-137, G.S. 14-138.1 and G.S. 14-140.1, or affect the authority of the North Carolina Forest Service to issue or deny permits for open burning in or adjacent to woodlands as provided in G.S. 106-940 through G.S. 106-950. This Section does not affect the authority of any local government to regulate open burning through its fire codes or other ordinances. The issuance of any open burning permit by the North Carolina Forest Service or any local government does not relieve any person from the necessity of complying with this Section or any other air quality rule.

History Note: Authority G.S. 143-215.3(a)(1); 143-215.107(a)(5); Eff. July 1, 1996; Amended Eff. January 1, 2015; July 1, 2007; June 1, 2004; Readopted Eff. September 1, 2019.