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The Honorable Frank Trilla, Mayor  
835 Midway Drive  
Willowbrook, IL 60527

**Re: ATSDR Ethylene Oxide Report**

Dear Mayor Trilla:

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has reviewed the recent report from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) regarding ethylene oxide emissions from Sterigenics. Immediately upon receipt of the final report, I convened my senior team to begin the cancer incidence study recommended by ATSDR. Our goal is to assess whether there are elevated cancers in the population surrounding the Sterigenics facility.

We would like to meet with you in the near future so that you and your constituents have a thorough understanding of IDPH's approach to such studies. Among other things, we hope to discuss our potential methodology, the timeline for completion, and the type of information that will be contained in our report. We would also like to discuss ongoing communications with you as the study proceeds.

Please know that IDPH has heard the concerns your community has expressed, and as a result, I have prioritized completion this study. My office will reach out to you to schedule this meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out me at (312) 814-8482.

Regards,

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