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October 30, 2018

Frank Trilla  
Mayor  
Village of Willowbrook  
835 Midway Drive  
Willowbrook, IL 60527



Dear Mayor Trilla,

Attached please find two letters, one to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the other to Sterigenics regarding the operations at the location in Willowbrook. The Village shares Willowbrook's concern over the residents' safety and health and addressing potential health risks posed by the Sterigenics operations.

The Hinsdale Village Board stands with elected officials from all levels of government in urging Sterigenics to cease operations until proper safeguards are put in place, and after ambient air quality testing is performed to ensure the health and safety of area residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Stifflear".

Luke Stifflear  
Village Board Trustee

CC: The Honorable United States Senator Tammy Duckworth  
The Honorable State Senator Dick Durbin  
The Honorable United States Representative Peter Roskam  
The Honorable United States Representative Mike Quigley  
DuPage County Board Chairman Daniel Cronin

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October 25, 2018

Dr. Edward K. Nam, Ph.D.  
Director, Air and Radiation Division  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region V  
77 W. Jackson Blvd, MS A-18J  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590



Dr. Nam,

I am writing after becoming aware of a recent meeting between elected and appointed officials on September 28, 2018, at the EPA Region V office, regarding ethylene oxide (ETO) emissions at Sterigenics. However, this meeting did not include an invitation to representatives from the Village of Hinsdale. Hinsdale is a neighboring community to the Sterigenics facilities and may be impacted by the emission of ETO. It is extremely important that our Village has a seat at the table at any discussions between federal, state and local government agencies involved in this investigation.

Therefore, we are requesting that the Village of Hinsdale be included in:

- Any formal statements from the EPA regarding the status of the investigation into the presence of ETO in the vicinity;
- Any meetings that take place after an analysis of the stack test results are completed at the Sterigenics facilities; and
- All future regional ambient air testing of ETO, which should include the Village of Hinsdale.

These commitments will ensure that our Village and its residents remain informed about the status of the EPA's investigation and that we have a voice in the decision-making process. Please contact Village Manager Kathleen Gargano at 630.789.7013/[kgargano@villageofhinsdale.org](mailto:kgargano@villageofhinsdale.org) with any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Cauley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Cauley  
Village President

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Ms. Kathleen Hoffman  
VP, Global Environmental Health & Safety  
Sterigenics International, Inc.  
2015 Spring Road, Suite 650  
Oak Brook, IL 60523



Ms. Hoffman,

Recent news reports have those of us living in the Village of Hinsdale greatly concerned regarding the safety of your Sterigenics International facility in Willowbrook. It is my understanding that research from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) indicates that Sterigenics uses ethylene oxide to sterilize medical equipment, and that this process emits a gas that is far more dangerous to the public than previously believed.

The Hinsdale Village Board stands with elected officials from all levels of government in urging Sterigenics to cease operations until after proper safeguards are put in place, and after ambient air quality testing is performed to ensure the health and safety of area residents.

It is imperative that Sterigenics takes all steps necessary to protect the public health and safety, particularly given the serious concerns that the EPA has expressed regarding Sterigenics' operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Cauley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "T" and "C".

Tom Cauley  
Village President