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Dr. Edward K. Nam, Ph.D.
Director, Air and Radiation Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region V
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PRESIDENT
Alice Gallagher

Re: Sterigenics International, Inc. in Willowbrook, IL

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 – that did not include an invitation to representatives from Western Springs. Located less than 5 miles from the Sterigenics facilities, Western Springs is clearly impacted by the emission of EtO, as evidenced by the 2014 National Air Toxins Assessment. It is extremely important that our Village have a seat at the table at any discussions between federal, state and local government agencies involved in this investigation.

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Therefore, we are requesting that the Village of Western Springs 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.

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 Ingrid Velkme at 708-246-1800, extension 125, or at ivelkme@wsprings.com with any further information or requests.

Sincerely,

Alice F. Gallagher
Village President

cc: Village of Western Springs Trustees
Ingrid Velkme, Village Manager, Village of Western Springs

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