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Ms. Kathleen Hoffman  
VP, Global Environmental Health & Safety  
Sterigenics International, Inc.  
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khoffman@sterigenics.com

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

I am writing to express my concern over recent reports of toxic emissions from the Sterigenics International facility in Willowbrook. According to information widely circulated by the media and others, Sterigenics uses ethylene oxide to sterilize medical equipment, and this process emits a gas that could pose a public health risk. Numerous officials are urging you to cease operations at your facility until proper safeguards have been put in place – including a full evaluation by the EPA, and follow-up air quality testing.

Given the well-documented elevated risks that occur due to ethylene oxide emissions - ranging from eye and skin irritation, to much more serious risks such as leukemia and various forms of cancer - concerns for public safety are warranted. It is imperative that Sterigenics act in the interest of the wider community by taking all steps necessary to protect the public. Good corporate citizenship requires a commitment to surrounding communities as key stakeholders, particularly when the impact of operations could have negative consequences on public health.

Sincerely,

Alice F. Gallagher  
Village President  
Village of Western Springs

cc: Board of Trustees, Village of Western Springs  
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