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Alice Gallagher, President
Village of Western Springs
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Re: Village of Western Springs letter of December 17, 2018

Dear President Gallagher:

Thank you for reaching out to us regarding emissions of ethylene oxide (EO) from the Sterigenics facility located in Willowbrook. As you know, the Illinois Attorney General and the DuPage County State's Attorney filed a joint complaint in State court against Sterigenics alleging air pollution violations and creation of a public nuisance. Sterigenics removed our complaint to federal court and we have until January 4, 2019, to file our Motion to Remand in our effort to bring the action back to State Court where we believe it belongs.

In October and November, ambient air monitoring was done by several entities, including USEPA, the Village of Willowbrook, the Village of Burr Ridge and Sterigenics (Sterigenics sampling was done around the Chicagoland area, not just in and around Willowbrook). During the week of December 17th, representatives of our Office and the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office met with representatives of the Village of Willowbrook and their experts to review the sampling data they obtained, among other things. Of note, in addition to finding EO around the Sterigenics facility (both upwind and downwind), EO has also been found in many other locations around the Chicagoland area. Our Offices are continuing to review the data and analysis and talk with experts in the field.

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We assure you that the Attorney General and State's Attorney will continue our work to address this significant matter. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



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