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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request-Willowbrook, Illinois**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 522, and on behalf of the Village of Willowbrook, we respectfully request certain documents and information associated with: 1.) the Letter Health Consultation issued by the Department of Health & Human Services, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) dated August 21, 2018, entitled "*Evaluation of Potential Health Impacts from Ethylene Oxide Emissions*" **Sterigenics International, Inc. Willowbrook, Illinois** and associated ambient air monitoring; 2.) operations of Sterigenics International Inc. in Willowbrook, Illinois; and 3.) U.S. EPA's 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment relating to ethylene oxide emissions.

Specifically, we request all documents, electronic or written, and information related to the following categories:

1. U.S. EPA's final ambient air monitoring plan and associated protocols guiding the monitoring performed by U.S. EPA on May 16-18, 2018, around the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility to inform ATSDR's evaluation of potential health impacts from ethylene oxide emissions (EtO);
2. All correspondence, electronic or written, between ATSDR and the U.S. EPA relating to the decision to perform the ambient air monitoring that occurred on May 16-18, 2018, around the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility, to inform ATSDR's evaluation of potential health impacts from EtO;

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3. All sample results, with corresponding locations, from the May 16-18, 2018, ambient air monitoring performed around the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility including those sampling results, with corresponding locations, excluded from the ATSDR evaluation;
4. All background or upwind (from the Sterigenics facility) sample results from the May 16-18, 2018, ambient air monitoring performed around the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility;
5. All lab reports for the samples collected during U.S. EPA's ambient air monitoring conducted around the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility on May 16-18, 2018; including all QA/QC sample results;
6. All meteorological information collected prior to and during the ambient air monitoring conducted by U.S. EPA around the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility on May 16-18, 2018;
7. All modeling performed, and the bases for the emissions estimated, by U.S. EPA to evaluate the short term and long term concentrations of EtO in the ambient air surrounding the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility;
8. All referral letters, electronic or written, sent by U.S. EPA to any other federal regulatory or public health agency (for example, NIOSH, ATSDR) regarding EtO emissions in and around the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook, Illinois, and the potential impact on human health or the environment;
9. All National Emission Inventory (NEI) information on EtO air emissions filed by the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility and any other EtO emitter in Willowbrook that were incorporated into the 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment report and any other information used by U.S. EPA to account for the fact that the average concentration of EtO that people breathe in Willowbrook is different from the modeled ambient air concentrations (e.g., the bases for indoor penetration rates for EtO, residential air exchange rates, or other information used to estimate EtO concentrations inside buildings and vehicles);
10. All reports containing the results of stack tests measuring EtO stack emissions performed under any permit issued to the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility since

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the facility began operations in the 1980s, and copies of the test plan and protocols used to determine the EtO emissions from each building of the facility;

11. All Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) information on EtO air emissions filed by the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility including the information as depicted in Figure 1 of the ATSDR's report, and including all years prior to calendar year 1995; and
12. All fact sheets or community relations information prepared by U.S. EPA or shared with U.S. EPA by other federal agencies, such as ATSDR, for the purposes of explaining the potential risk of ethylene oxide emissions in and around Willowbrook, Illinois.

Due to the heightened public concern, we respectfully insist that our FOIA Request be expedited so that our residents may be provided answers to their questions and concerns. We do believe they have waited long enough. If you chose to deny this Freedom of Information Request in whole or in part on the grounds that any information or document is exempt from mandatory disclosure, please explain in detail the basis for your refusal to disclose.

Thank you for your assistance. We also look forward to your expedited response.

Sincerely,

  
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