



STERIGENICS ANNOUNCES WILLOWBROOK AIR QUALITY TEST RESULTS

-Independent testing shows all tests conducted registered emission levels below detection limits on state-of-the-art approved testing equipment.

-Test results confirm view expressed by U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in August that there is “not [an] immediate health threat or...an emergency situation” in Willowbrook.

-Sterigenics voluntarily commits to on-going monitoring of the emission control systems at Willowbrook facilities.

Chicago, IL September 27, 2018 – Sterigenics today announced results from the independent third-party tests of air emissions conducted on September 20 and 21 at its facilities in Willowbrook, Illinois.

The tests, which followed strict protocols, were approved and monitored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (ILEPA) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Representatives from the Tri-State Fire Department and the Village of Willowbrook were also present for the testing.

The test results, conducted as the facilities were operating normally at full capacity, demonstrate that current emissions are far below US EPA and ILEPA permissible levels.

Said Kathleen Hoffman, Sterigenics’ Senior Vice President of Global Environment, Health and Safety, and Technical Services, “Unfortunately, the community has been exposed to a lot of inaccurate and misinterpreted information and we are committed to getting the real facts to residents who, based on what they have been hearing and reading, are understandably concerned.”

“While we have been in compliance with U.S. EPA and ILEPA air permit requirements since the plant was built, and Ethylene Oxide (EO) emissions have always been well below permitted levels, the fact is -- in testing just completed last week and following our voluntary upgrades to the facility in July – our controls are removing 99.6% of the facilities’ emissions.”

Ms. Hoffman added, “In short, testing by an independent third party using approved equipment and following strict guidelines set by the ILEPA and the federal government reported emission

levels below detection limits clearly demonstrating that our facilities are safely operated. Nonetheless, we agree residents deserve transparency and we are committed to continuing our on-going stack monitoring to further reassure residents of their safety.”

Hoffman continued, “Our facilities, employing local citizens, are instrumental in preventing life-threatening infections in millions of hospital patients across the country, including Illinois, every year. ‘Safeguarding Global Health’ is more than our tagline, it is our mission. We would never knowingly put that mission, our employees or the people in our communities at risk.”

Sterigenics noted that the U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) on August 29, 2018 clarified an earlier report and said that “[its report from August 22] ... was not one that indicated immediate health threat or that there was an emergency situation.”

Hoffman concluded, “The initial ATSDR report on EO emissions in Willowbrook was clearly not intended – as evidenced by their clarification seven days later - to create the concerns in the community that it did.”

For additional information on this matter visit www.sterigenicswillowbrook.com

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