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November 19, 2018

Mr. Alec Messina
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VILLAGE OF
WILLOWBROOK

Mr. Bill Wehrum
Assistant Administrator, US EPA, Office of Air and Radiation (6103A)
Mail Code 6103A
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Village of Burr Ridge Resolution R-35-18

Dear Mr. Messina and Mr. Wehrum:

On behalf of the Village of Burr Ridge Board of Trustees I am forwarding a Resolution approved at their November 12, 2018 meeting. The Resolution requests that the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency take immediate action to:

"...further monitor, test and analyze the air quality at and around the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook and in adjacent communities and to shut down, or initiate those actions necessary to cause the shutdown, of all operations of Sterigenics resulting in any discharge or emissions of ethylene oxide until it is definitively established through reliable testing results that no residents or workers are at any risk due to exposure to ethylene oxide discharges or emissions from the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook."

It would be appreciated if you could confirm receipt of this letter and attached Resolution by sending an email message to my attention at dpollock@burr-ridge.gov.

Sincerely,

J. Douglas Pollock, AICP
Village Administrator

cc. Board of Trustees
Village of Willowbrook ←
City of Darien

RESOLUTION NO. R-35-18

RESOLUTION REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ACTION AND
INTERVENTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCIES
REGARDING STERIGENICS IN WILLOWBROOK

WHEREAS, ethylene oxide is a known carcinogen and its discharge or emission into the atmosphere constitutes a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, based on recent data and assessments of the operation of the Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook ("Sterigenics"), and the ongoing discharges of ethylene oxide from that Sterigenics facility, there is cause for further and more careful analysis of the operations of and discharges from this facility; and

WHEREAS according to a recent report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Sterigenics is emitting elevated levels cancer-causing chemical called ethylene oxide at its Willowbrook, Illinois facilities; and

WHEREAS, data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2014 National Air Toxins Assessment map shows that residents are exposed to elevated levels of ethylene oxide in the Village of Burr Ridge and area municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency are charged with the enforcement of our federal and state environmental laws and standards to ensure that pollutants or discharges from Illinois businesses do not put the health and welfare of Illinois residents and workers in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, the previous approvals of the operations of the Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook by the United States and Illinois Environmental Protection Agencies are not based upon adequate, current, complete and reliable information and analysis regarding the ongoing discharges of ethylene oxide by the Sterigenics plant in Willowbrook; and

WHEREAS, the current permit issued to Sterigenics by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency includes the authority of the Agency to declare the Sterigenics facility a threat to public health and welfare and seek a court order to shut down the Sterigenics operations; and

WHEREAS, the current permit issued to Sterigenics by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency includes the authority of the Agency to declare the Sterigenics facility a threat to public health and welfare and seek a court order to shut down the Sterigenics operations; and

WHEREAS, the immediate protection of the health and safety of the residents of the Village of Burr Ridge and surrounding communities must be made a priority by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the air quality in the Village of Burr Ridge and surrounding communities must be safe and be assured by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, thorough, accurate and comprehensive air quality monitoring, testing and analysis must be undertaken immediately by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in all of those areas potentially impacted in Cook and DuPage Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, by and through the Illinois Attorney General has now initiated legal action in Illinois in Case No. 2018 CH 001329 filed on October 30, 2018 alleging violations of the Illinois Environmental Act and alleging that Sterigenics actions constitute a public nuisance as a threat and injury to the public health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Village of Burr Ridge, as follows:

Section 1: The Board hereby requests the immediate action and intervention of the United States and Illinois Environmental Protection Agencies to act under their permitting authority to further monitor, test and analyze the air quality at and around the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook and in adjacent

communities and to shut down, or initiate those actions necessary to cause the shutdown, of all operations of Sterigenics resulting in any discharge or emissions of ethylene oxide until it is definitively established through reliable testing results that no residents or workers are at any risk due to exposure to ethylene oxide discharges or emissions from the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook.

Section 2: The Board hereby requests and calls upon the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Illinois and the Offices of the DuPage County and Cook County State's Attorneys to undertake such enforcement actions as they are authorized to bring to ensure the protection of the residents of the Village of Burr Ridge and area Cook and DuPage County residents impacted by any discharges or emissions of ethylene oxide from the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook.

Section 3: The Board hereby resolves to take such actions to support and collaborate with the above agencies to best promote and ensure the safety of the area air quality, atmosphere and environment to protect area residents and workers from the adverse health impacts of any discharges or emissions of ethylene oxide from the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook.

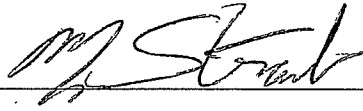
Section 4: That written copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the United States and Illinois Environmental Protection Agencies, to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Illinois and the Offices of the DuPage County and Cook County State's Attorneys for continued or further action as requested.

Section 5: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and approval as required by law.

ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2018, by a roll call vote as follows:

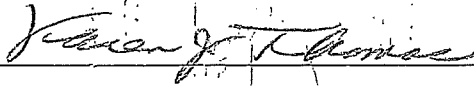
AYES:	6 - Trustees Franzese, Paveza, Mital, Snyder, Schiappa, Mottl
NAYS:	0 - None
ABSENT	0 - None

APPROVED this 12th day of November, 2018 by the President
of the Village of Burr Ridge.



Village President

ATTEST:



Village Clerk