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MAYOR'S RESPONSE

Dear Residents and Neighbors,

Sterigenics has submitted an application to the Illinois EPA for a construction permit under the new restrictions set forth in the Matt Haller Act, that was signed into law last week. Applying for a permit does not mean Sterigenics gets to re-open. What it does mean is, they would like to re-open under these new regulations and this is the first step in trying to do so.

While these new regulations are much more restrictive, including limits of 99.9% capture or 0.2PPM from the stack (where ethylene oxide is emitted), Sterigenics would also be required to use negative pressure technology to theoretically eliminate 100% of any fugitive emissions (EtO escaping out of the building). The company will also be required to have every vendor certify that every item sent to this facility, can **ONLY** be treated with EtO and that no other technology exists to sterilize these particular items. While all of their vendors must painstakingly get certified, Sterigenics must go back to the FDA and USEPA and begin their recertification process.

It should be noted that negative pressure technology has never been used in this industry with EtO.

I urge you to follow the Village website for updates and stay informed.

The IEPA will hold public session before they come to a decision on the permit application. The date for this has not been announced yet. I ask that anyone who can't make it to this session please write a letter to IEPA Director John Kim and send a copy of that letter to Governor Pritzker. As soon as the Village is aware of the date and time, we will post it on our website.



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The Village of Willowbrook is opposed to any use of EtO in our town after the devastating effects this issue has caused. We continue to evaluate every option. It is my opinion that we must fight this at all costs. Ethylene oxide is not welcome in Willowbrook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Trilla". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F".

Frank Trilla, Mayor
Village of Willowbrook