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TRUSTEES STIFFLEAR AND BYRNES URGE IEPA TO DENY STERIGENICS CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Hinsdale, IL – Trustee Luke Stifflear, Chair of the Hinsdale Zoning and Public Safety Committee and Trustee Neale Byrnes, Chair of Hinsdale’s Environment and Public Services Committee appeared before the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on August 1 to provide public comment as part of a Formal Meeting considering the June 2019, Draft Construction permit submittal made by Sterigenics to the IEPA in hopes of resuming operations at the Willowbrook facility.

Trustees Stifflear and Byrnes thanked State Representatives Deanne Mazzochi and Jim Durkin for outlining several points where the permit application was not in compliance with the legislation she and Durkin authored noting that those deficiencies should result in a denial of the permit by the IEPA which would then prohibit Sterigenics from reopening.

“Sterigenics over the past 30 years clearly has shown that it has no regard for those living and working in this area, said Stifflear.” Trustee Byrnes added, “The dismal record of Sterigenics proves that they cannot and should not be trusted to self-monitor or self-report.”

Trustee Stifflear added, “Neither Trustee Byrnes, nor I, nor the community we were elected to represent and protect, have a great deal of faith in Sterigenics doing the right thing. And to think otherwise is foolhardy.

It is the position of the Village of Hinsdale that the IEPA should deny the permit request made by Sterigenics based on the public health risks that reopening the facility would have on the residents of Willowbrook and the surrounding communities due to the 30 year track record Sterigenics has for placing profit over public health.”

The IEPA has 90 days to review the permit. For those wishing to share their position on the Sterigenics permit application, written comments may be directed to EPA.Sterigenics@illinois.gov no later than August 15.

The latest information and details regarding Sterigenics may be found on the Village's website at <https://www.villageofhinsdale.org/residents/sterigenics.php>.

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