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Municipal Leaders Urge State & County Not to Settle with Sterigenics

On May 8, 2019, elected leaders from five affected municipalities in DuPage and Cook Counties delivered a joint letter to Attorney General Kwame Raoul and DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin opposing any settlement with Sterigenics that would permit the Seal Order currently imposed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency upon Sterigenics to be lifted or allow the use Ethylene Oxide or similar chemical in the area. Signatories to the letter included Burr Ridge Mayor-elect Gary Grasso, Willowbrook Mayor Frank Trilla, Darien Mayor-elect Joseph Marchese, Hinsdale Trustee Luke Stifflear, and Indian Head Park Mayor Tom Hinshaw. A copy of the letter is attached.

The Village of Burr Ridge remains committed to ensuring the public's safety and keeping the IEPA's February 15, 2019 Seal Order in full force and effect.
May 3, 2019

RE: State of Illinois, County of DuPage v. Sterigenics, #18 CH 1329 (DuPage County)

Attorney General Raoul and States Attorney Berlin:

The municipalities of Willowbrook, Burr Ridge, Darien, Hinsdale and Indian Head Park emphatically oppose any settlement with Sterigenics that would permit the Seal Order to be lifted, or in any manner allow Sterigenics to use Ethylene Oxide or a similar chemical at its Willowbrook or any other facilities in our vicinities.

As you both know well, the first job of good government is to protect the public’s safety. You have both provided that leadership in fighting Sterigenics for all those who live, work and visit our communities. Once the Seal Order was imposed on Sterigenics, there was a significant drop in concentrations of Ethylene Oxide. There can be no settlement with Sterigenics that abrogates or weakens the health effects and public message of the Seal Order.

Please continue to make protection of our communities an utmost and perpetual priority.

Signed:

Frank Trilla, Mayor
Village of Willowbrook

Gary Grasso, Mayor-elect
Village of Burr Ridge

Joseph Marchese, Mayor-elect
Village of Darien

Luke Stifflear, Trustee
Village of Hinsdale

Tom Hinshaw, Mayor
Village of Indian Head Park