For Immediate Release

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Decommissioning Update #1 for Sterigenics

Sterigenics locations: 830 Midway Drive and 7775 Quincy Street

As part of the Sterigenics decommission process, the Village of Willowbrook will be granting two (2) Building Permits for removal of their one (1) nitrogen tank at each location.

Tentative Schedule: Starting in the morning of both Wednesday, December 18, 2019 and Thursday, December 19, 2019

What equipment will be involved: A crane, flatbed trailers, miscellaneous supporting equipment and field personnel will be present.

Process will be witnessed by personnel from: Both the Tri-State Fire Protection District and the Village of Willowbrook Building Department.

What you can expect to hear and see: In the immediate vicinity you may hear a loud hissing sound (for up to one hour) as the nitrogen is being released, followed by seeing a water vapor fog which should dissipate within approximately an hour.

Why is this necessary? Sterigenics leased these tanks. The return process requires tanks to be emptied prior to transporting.

Then what happens? The emptied tanks will be removed from the building, placed on the flatbed trucks and then transported out of our jurisdiction and returned to the leasing company.

Please note that this process does not pose a health risk to the general population.