



Sterigenics Statement on U.S. EPA Ambient Air Sampling Results

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Sterigenics is reviewing the U.S. EPA's recently released air sample results. As the EPA highlighted in its call to discuss the results, there are other sources of ethylene oxide (EO) in the Willowbrook area unrelated to the Sterigenics facility. The range of results in the residential areas of Willowbrook are consistent with background levels of EO across the Chicago area. We acknowledge that there are several readings closer to the Willowbrook facility that are higher than background levels and we will be meeting soon with the U.S. EPA and IL EPA to discuss those readings.

As stated by the EPA, the levels of EO in the ambient air test results reflect "extremely low levels in the atmosphere...part per billion and part per trillion numbers and it doesn't take very much of this material or any material to cause those kinds of levels in the air." In addition, the EPA commented that "monitoring information about ethylene oxide in the Willowbrook area remains limited. It remains premature to draw conclusions about long-term health risks from the data."

Sterigenics is committed to the safety of our employees, the communities we operate in and the patients we serve. We continue to operate well within the limits of our permit and all applicable regulations. By complying with and going above and beyond what the regulations require, the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility safely uses EO and provides a vital service to patients in Illinois and across the country. Sterigenics remains committed to working with regulators, legislators and Illinois public officials to evolve regulations and continuously improve our operations in the ongoing interest of public safety.