



VILLAGE OF  
*INDIAN HEAD PARK*  
ILLINOIS

**TOM HINSHAW**

**MAYOR**

January 2, 2019

Mr. Robert Berlin  
DuPage County States Attorney  
DuPage County Judicial Office Facility-Annex  
503 N. County Farm Road  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Dear States Attorney Berlin:

The Village of Indian Head Park is a neighbor to the Village of Willowbrook located about 3.5 miles north and east (downwind) of Willowbrook. We have been following closely the Village of Willowbrook's initiative to find answers to the question of whether or not Sterigenics is in violation of air release standards for ethylene oxide (EtO) as established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

We agree with the Village of Willowbrook and many other communities that are requesting an immediate shutdown of the Sterigenics facility. Although we understand that the rule of law and due process are imperative in addressing this issue, based on the current evidence, we cannot help but conclude that the Sterigenic's facilities are causing a public health hazard. This request follows the recent air tests that exceed the safety standards. This is not a new concern for public safety, over the last 35 years there have been numerous studies and many changes to the operations at the facilities that have not stopped the release of EtO to exceed safety standards.

We request that the State of Illinois file a section 43 action of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act. This action is necessary for the public health and welfare, and should shut down the Sterigenics facilities until it is proven there is no risk to the public.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Mayor

Cc: Mayor Frank Trilla, Willowbrook  
Board of Trustees, Village of Indian Head Park

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Lisa Madigan, Attorney General  
Illinois Attorney General's Office  
500 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL, 62701

Dear Attorney General Madigan:

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Alec Messina  
Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
PO Box 19276  
1021 North Grand Avenue, East  
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Dear Director Messina:

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Mr. Bill Wehrum  
Assistant Administrator for OAR  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Mail code: 6101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Wehrum:

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We request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency order an immediate shutdown through the powers granted by the Clean Air Act. This action is necessary for the public health and welfare, and should shut down the Sterigenics facilities until it is proven there is no risk to the public.

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