

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACTIONS
REGARDING STERIGENICS OF WILLOWBROOK, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, ethylene oxide is a known carcinogen and its discharge into the atmosphere is a threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, a recent report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry confirms that Sterigenics in Willowbrook, Illinois discharges elevated levels of ethylene oxide from its facility; and

WHEREAS, based on that report and other data, there is urgent need for thorough, accurate, and comprehensive air quality testing and analysis of the operations and discharges from the Sterigenics facility; and

WHEREAS, data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("*U.S. EPA*") 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment shows that residents near the Sterigenics facility are exposed to elevated levels of ethylene oxide; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. EPA and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("*IEPA*") are charged with the enforcement of federal and State of Illinois environmental laws and standards to ensure that pollutants and discharges do not jeopardize the health and welfare of Illinois residents and workers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. EPA and the IEPA have and should continue to undertake comprehensive air quality testing and analyses within the area of La Grange; and

WHEREAS, the current permits issued by the U.S. EPA and the IEPA to Sterigenics both include the authority of the U.S. EPA and the IEPA to declare the Sterigenics facility a threat to public health and welfare and seek a court order to shut down the Sterigenics operations; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Attorney General has initiated legal action against Sterigenics alleging violations of the Illinois Environmental Act and alleging threats and injury to the public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of La Grange, Cook County and State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals are incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2: Immediate Action on Air Quality Testing. The Board of Trustees supports continued air quality testing and analysis by the U.S. EPA and IEPA at the Sterigenics facility and at other locations within the area of La Grange.

Section 3. Action on Sterigenics Discharges. The Board of Trustees supports the shutdown of the Sterigenics facility by the U.S. EPA and the IEPA until such time their operations are proven to be at a safe level and that no persons are at any risk.

Section 4: Distribution of Resolution. The Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the Village Clerk to transmit copies of this Resolution to the U.S. EPA and the IEPA, to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Illinois, and to the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney, for continued and further action.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution will be in full force and effect as of its passage and approval.

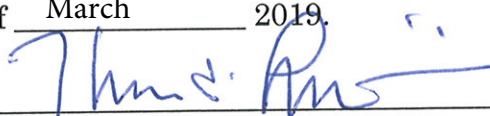
PASSED this 11 day of March 2019.

AYES: Trustees Gale, Kotynek, Kuchler and McCarty

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ABSENT: Trustees Arnett and Holder

APPROVED this 11 day of March 2019.



Thomas Livingston, Village President

Attest:



John Burns, Village Clerk