

Public Comments Requested – Sterigenics

Background

In the pending lawsuit, *People of the State of Illinois v. Sterigenics*, the State of Illinois and Du Page County sued Sterigenics for violating State environmental laws. The municipalities of Willowbrook, Burr Ridge, Darien and Hinsdale intervened into the lawsuit as plaintiffs, alleging additional claims of nuisance. Prior to the intervention motions being heard, the State of Illinois, Du Page County and Sterigenics reached an agreement for entry of a consent order that would end the litigation, provided that Sterigenics complies with newly adopted State emissions standards. The consent order provides that Sterigenics can only operate again if it satisfies State regulators that its new emissions equipment drastically reduces emissions of toxic ethylene oxide, or ETO. Before ruling on the consent order, on July 24, 2019, the court granted the four municipalities' motions to intervene for the limited purpose of commenting on the consent order in a single joint submission to the court. The municipalities, in order to better respond to residents' concerns, have invited public input from all interested individuals on the terms of the consent order. The consent order was issued by the Illinois Attorney General and the DuPage County States Attorney on July 16, 2019.

See: <https://www.willowbrookil.org/DocumentCenter/View/1767/Sterigenics-Consent-Order>.
Additional information is available on the website of the [Village of Willowbrook](#).

Public Comments

Public comments are to be submitted in writing prior to August 7, 2019. Please e-mail your comments to Willowbrook Task Force Coordinator Gayle Neal by Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at gneal@willowbrook.il.us.