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The Honorable Miguel Santiago
California State Assembly
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Dear Assembly Member Santiago:

Thank you for your letter dated June 3, 2022, regarding Sterigenics International, Inc. (Sterigenics) located in Vernon. South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) shares your concern regarding Ethylene Oxide (EtO) emissions from Sterigenics and is committed to working with you and other elected officials and agencies to protect public health in the 53rd District.

After receiving your letter identified above, Derrick Alatorre and Lisa Tanaka from my office immediately contacted your office via telephone, to acknowledge receiving your letter, updated your staff on any additional information we had and committed to keeping your office updated on our investigation. Since then, we have been in constant communications with your office throughout the months of June, July and early August. An example of some of the items on which we updated your staff include:

- Our communications with other state and local agencies
- Issuance of Notice of Violations to Sterigenics
- Updates on our investigation as well as our monitoring results
- Designation of Sterigenics as a “Potentially High Risk Level Facility”
- Petition for an Order for Abatement


And most recently, on August 2, 2022, we organized a meeting with Tom Steel, Legislative Aide in your office, and Supervisor Janice Hahn’s staff to answer questions related to air monitoring, enforcement and compliance, engineering and permitting, and the status of the Order for Abatement.

We will continue to investigate and monitor the EtO emissions from Sterigenics and will take whatever necessary enforcement actions that are needed to ensure their compliance with our

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rules to protect the public. Our continued partnership with you on this matter is critical to protect public health and we look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this important matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Derrick Alatorre at 909-396-3122 or by email at dalatorre@aqmd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Natri", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wayne Natri
Executive Officer
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