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Felipe Aguirre
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Dear Mr. Aguirre:

Thank you for your letter dated May 24, 2002, regarding Sterigenics International, Inc. (Sterigenics) located in Vernon. South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is conducting local air sampling to determine levels of EtO in the surrounding community and evaluate potential sources of emissions coming from the Sterigenics facilities. The data collected so far shows levels of EtO in the community to be within background levels and below risk levels established using methodologies developed by the State Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. For detailed air monitoring information which is updated regularly, please visit: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/sterigenics>. This webpage also has regular updates on all aspects of the Sterigenics investigation.

South Coast AQMD is working with Sterigenics on immediate and near-term actions to reduce EtO emissions. South Coast AQMD actions include identification and mitigation of emission sources that are contributing to the elevated levels, and on-site testing with a focus on the wet scrubber at the 50th Street facility.

On May 5, 2002, South Coast AQMD inspectors issued a Notice of Violation to the Sterigenics 50th Street facility for failure to operate the air pollution control system in accordance with the facility's permit; for failure to maintain the air pollution control system in good operating condition; and for failure to have a pressure gauge and a pH meter for control equipment, both of which were required in the permit. Inspectors also issued a Notice to Comply requiring the facility to conduct a source test for the air pollution control system. This is an ongoing investigation, and South Coast AQMD continues to collect air samples and evaluate all equipment to ensure that the facilities are following permit conditions and using proper emissions control equipment.

On June 7, 2022, South Coast AQMD designated Sterigenics as a Potentially High-Risk Facility. This requires the facility to reduce toxic emissions from operations as well as provide reports on potential health risks. Under South Coast AQMD's Rule 1402, a facility is designated a Potentially High-Risk Level Facility when emissions data show either a potential to exceed or that emissions have already exceeded a cancer risk threshold greater than 100 chances in a million. As a High-Risk Level Facility, Sterigenics is on an accelerated path to identify and implement measures to reduce their health risk and is required to provide South Coast AQMD with an Early Action Reduction Plan within 90 days that includes a list of steps that can be taken immediately to reduce health risks. This can include procedure or process changes, equipment modifications and operational cutbacks to reduce emissions. In addition, the facility must fully evaluate its air toxics emissions, conduct a Health Risk Assessment, and submit a final plan to reduce cancer risks below thresholds within 180 days.

South Coast AQMD is committed to doing everything within our authority, and working closely with our partner agencies, to protect the health and safety of community members and workers who may be impacted by Sterigenics. If you have any questions, please contact me at 909-396-3131 or by email at wnastri@aqmd.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Nastri", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer

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