



Sterigenics' Response to CBS News Segment on Willowbrook Facility February 4, 2019

A recent news story involving Sterigenics, including interviews with former employees and residents of Willowbrook, has focused attention on our Willowbrook operations and prompted us to correct several wrongful allegations about the safety of our operations.

The allegations by former employees that Sterigenics intentionally allowed ethylene oxide (EO) to be released in any illegal manner are simply wrong. Further, the notion that safety control mechanisms were ignored or tampered with in a way that could put workers or community members at risk is false.

Sterigenics Willowbrook has a proven record of operating safely and in compliance with regulations and has taken additional voluntary actions to consistently improve operations and outperform what the regulations require.

We empathize with those individuals suffering from cancer who participated in the story. Their battle with the disease is real and we wish the best for them and their families. However, the story paints a misleading and inaccurate portrayal of Sterigenics and its safe use of EO in the sterilization of vital medical products.

The fact is that the Willowbrook facility's state-of-the-art systems safely control and contain EO. Today, our systems safely monitor, capture and control more than 99.9% of the EO used in the sterilization process – exceeding regulatory requirements and representing one of the highest control levels in the country for this industry.

EO is produced by many natural and man-made sources and is in the air all around us. Recent air sample tests across the Chicago area show that the ambient air levels of EO around Willowbrook are consistent with levels found across the Chicago area.

We take our responsibility to keep our employees, the patients we serve and our communities safe very seriously. By complying with and going above and beyond what the regulations require, the Sterigenics Willowbrook facility safely uses EO and provides a vital service to patients in Illinois and across the country.