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Mr. Wayne Nastri
Executive Director
South Coast AQMD
21865 Copley Drive
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Re: Sterigenics U.S. LLC Plant in Vernon, CA

Dear Mr. Nastri:

The City of Vernon (City) was recently made aware of a published letter dated May 17, 2022, from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn urging the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to require Sterigenics U.S. LLC of Vernon, California to cease operations of any activity contributing to elevated air emissions of Ethylene Oxide (EO).

The health and safety of our community of businesses and their workers, residents, students at local schools and neighbors in surrounding cities is of the utmost importance. Although the City has its own Environmental Health department, Vernon does not have air emissions oversight authority for Sterigenics, and we rely on SCAQMD's jurisdiction and direction over emissions issues.

The City is requesting your prompt attention in providing clarification as to whether or not Sterigenics is currently in "compliance with air quality rules and regulations" as highlighted in Supervisor Hahn's letter. We are seeking clarification because the press release issued by SCAQMD on May 6th states that "preliminary data shows EO levels in the community to be within background levels and below health risk levels established by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)." In addition to our request for clarification, the City would like an update on SCAQMD's plan of action and next steps.

It is vitally important for the City to be aware of any change in SCAQMD's information or assessment of emission levels at Sterigenics that would impact public safety, including whether a temporary shutdown of operations is necessary. We are imploring you to keep us updated on SCAQMD's efforts so that we are able to respond and assist, if needed, to secure the welfare of our community. To provide updates, please contact Freddie Agyin, Director of Environmental Health at fagyin@cityofvernon.org or (323) 826-1448.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

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City Administrator, City of Vernon

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