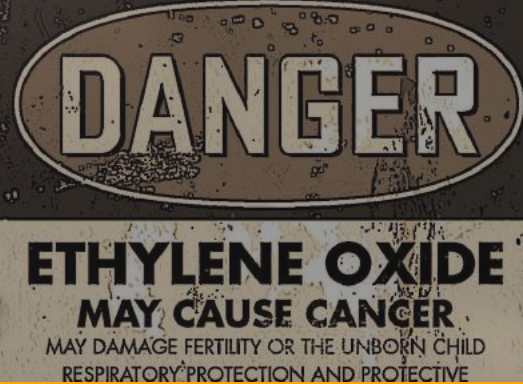


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# Sterigenics Update



A Quarterly Update for Our Sterigenics Clients

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## A Message From Your Team



Dear valued client –

Many of you are likely wondering what is going on with the Sterigenics claims, and what to expect as we move forward. First and foremost, we must thank you for your patience so far. At this early stage, it is difficult to say precisely how long it will take to determine what we can do to hold Sterigenics responsible for the damage they have caused you and your neighbors in the Willowbrook and surrounding communities.

We are still waiting for a ruling from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois regarding whether the litigation against Sterigenics will proceed in federal court, or be “remanded” back to Illinois State Court. Our hope is that the pending litigation will be moved back to Illinois State Court, and when that happens, we will begin filing many more cases. We expect to receive a decision from the Federal Court any day now.

Outside of the legal proceedings, we have been communicating with experts from a variety of fields so that we have the best and most thorough information available to fight on your behalf against Sterigenics. We

are consulting with medical, toxicology, air modeling, chemical, occupational, public health, and environmental experts. Taken together, these experts will help us formulate the strongest possible legal argument in support of your individual claims against Sterigenics.

Due to the massive amount of resources available to a large corporation like Sterigenics, this litigation is not likely to move quickly. But rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to fight on your behalf and keep the process moving along. Even if there is a lull in the release of information, we are working very diligently on your behalf. Also, your calls or emails are never a bother; if you have questions, please reach out to any of the lawyers or staff members working on the Sterigenics cases. As always, you can check our website and blog for up-to-date information as well.

We thank you for trusting us with the opportunity to investigate your claim and look forward to a successful partnership!

Very truly yours,  
Your Salvi Law Sterigenics team

## FAQ's

**Q: Is this a class action lawsuit?**

**A:** No. Although many people have been harmed by Sterigenics, class action lawsuits generally treat all individuals the same. In this case, every plaintiff has different levels of exposure to ethylene oxide and varying degrees of injury. We believe naming individual plaintiffs in individual lawsuits against Sterigenics is the best legal strategy.

**Q: What's the difference between the Attorney General's case and my case against Sterigenics?**

**A:** The Illinois Attorney General has filed a lawsuit against Sterigenics to prevent them further harming their neighbors. As a result of the Attorney General's efforts, a Seal Order was entered forcing Sterigenics to temporarily cease its operations. Individual lawsuits filed against Sterigenics on behalf of injured plaintiffs seek money damages, both past and future. These individual lawsuits will not seek injunctive relief.

**Q: What can I do to help?**

**A:** Our fight against Sterigenics must be waged in the courtroom, within the community, and through our government. We will do everything in our power to win the legal fight. But we need you to continue the fight in the streets and with our elected officials. Post signs in your yard. Call your congressman. Write your senator. Share your stories and voice your concerns. Let's not stop until we know our children are safe from Sterigenics' wrongful conduct.

## Upcoming Webinar: Submit Your Questions

Your Salvi Law Sterigenics team will be hosting an informational webinar later this summer. Stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, please submit any questions or topics you would like addressed in the webinar to: Marcie Mangan at [mmangan@salvilaw.com](mailto:mmangan@salvilaw.com).

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## From our Blog



A report released by the Illinois Department of Public Health last week shows there is a concerning spike in cancer cases for people living near the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook. The first-of-its kind study also found differences and inconsistencies between genders, across the study areas, and among types of cancer.

The 40-page report was based on an assessment of cases reported to the Illinois State Cancer Registry between 1995 and 2015. The research showed that there are a higher number of women diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma within 15 miles of the of the plant. Within 40 miles, the assessment reports an increased occurrence of breast cancer, as well as a slightly higher number of pediatric girls with lymphoma. The numbers of prostate, female pancreatic and ovarian cancer patients also increased.

There was also a slight but steady increase in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma among women in both areas during the study period that became more pronounced after 2009.

The health department began taking a closer look at the area last summer after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimated the risk of cancer in a census tract near Sterigenics is more than nine times higher than the national average.

The report is the first tally of actual cases of cancer reported in west suburban communities near the medical sterilization facility. The health department said further studies will be coming in the future.

"This study was an important step in better understanding potential cancer risks that may be associated with ethylene oxide, and we are concerned that elevated incidence of some cancers were found in the area. We will immediately begin to design an additional research study to understand the impact of ethylene oxide on cancers so that residents have a more complete picture," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a statement.

About 19,000 people who live within one mile of the facility are calling the release of the assessment a victory. Since its release, it has fueled bipartisan calls to keep the facility closed for good.

Last week, EPA officials said air testing since the facility has been shut down showed a rapid drop in ethylene oxide in the air.

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## Recent News



Since our last newsletter, there have been many developments in the lawsuits involving Sterigenics. Recent test results from the EPA showed a significant decrease in ETO concentrations in the air following the February closure of the Willowbrook plant. Additionally, a new report released by state health officials shows a concerning spike in cancer cases in the area surrounding the plant. Patrick A. Salvi II discussed the recent developments and status of the cases involving Sterigenics on FOX 32's morning show. Head to our "In the News" section of our website to watch the full segment!

IN THE NEWS

## Up to the Minute Updates

- Salvi Law Blog: <https://www.salvilaw.com/blog/>
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You are not alone.  
Let your voice be heard.



We realize Willowbrook and the surrounding area is a tight knit community and many of your friends, family members and neighbors may have been affected by the toxic emissions released from Sterigenics. There is no greater compliment than the referral of a loved one. If you know someone who has been diagnosed with cancer, fertility issues, or other health concerns after living near Sterigenics, we can help them understand their legal rights. Our office offers free, no-obligation case consultations. Call or visit us online today.

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