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**Georgia EPD Statement on Sterigenics July 31, 2019 Leak**

On August 27, 2019, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received information regarding a potential past leak of ethylene oxide at the Sterigenics facility in Cobb County. EPD began its investigation that same day, including a visit to the facility by EPD inspectors and collection of detailed information.

The incident occurred on July 31, 2019, but was not reported to EPD. State law requires that Sterigenics report leaks of ethylene oxide if the quantity is unknown or if it is more than 10 pounds.

EPD's investigation is ongoing and information on its findings will be made available when the investigation is complete.

