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Submitted electronically to khoffman@sterigenics.com

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Re: Senate Bill 426 to Address Ethylene Oxide Releases

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

On August 5, 2020, Senate Bill 426 was signed into law to amend Section 12-9-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (Code), which requires certain actions to be taken by facilities who emit ethylene oxide. Specifically, the law requires that "[a]s a condition of a permit for operations that include the emission of ethylene oxide, any spill or release of ethylene oxide, regardless of the amount, shall be reported to the division in writing within 24 hours of discovering such spill or release." For the purposes of this law, a spill or release means the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, emitting, releasing, leaking, or placing of ethylene oxide into the air or into or on any land or water of the state, except as authorized by state or federal law or a permit from the division.

Furthermore, the law requires that "[t]he director shall make publicly available on the division's website information regarding any spill or release of ethylene oxide reported to the division pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Code Section 12-9-7."

The Division will be amending your facility's permit to incorporate the requirements of this law. Until such time, it is the Division's expectation that your facility shall begin submitting the required reports effective immediately. Reports shall be submitted via e-mail to Air.Releases@dnr.ga.gov. If the release is equal to or exceeds the reportable quantity as specified in 40 CFR Part 302, or is of an unknown quantity, the release must also be reported to the State's 24-hour Emergency Response line at (800) 241-4113. If you have any questions, please contact me at 404-363-7047 or Sean.Taylor@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Sean Taylor
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