

Sterigenics' Santa Teresa Facility Safely Sterilizes Critical Medical Supplies

Vital to Public Health

- » **2.5 million essential medical products and devices** are sterilized EACH DAY at Santa Teresa, including life-saving medical supplies used to **battle the Covid-19 pandemic** already in short supply:



Prefilled syringes



Custom surgical kits and catheters



Surgical diagnostic equipment



Surgical drapes and gowns



Tracheotomy, cardiovascular, EN&T tubing sets

Proven Track Record of Safety and Compliance

- » **Safely operating since opening in 1989** with rigorous environmental, health and safety protocols.
 - Operations in accordance with New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) permit and in **consistent compliance** with applicable health and safety regulations governing emissions.
- » **Record of enhancements** to reduce ethylene oxide (EO) emissions beyond already safe, permitted levels.
 - Additional emission reduction enhancements were planned before the New Mexico Attorney General's lawsuit, and those plans continue.

EO is Essential to the U.S. Healthcare System

EO sterilization "is critical to our health care system and to the continued availability of safe, effective and high-quality medical devices." (FDA)

- » EO is the **only sterilization method that satisfies FDA-approved sterility validations** for many critical medical devices.
- » **~50% of the medical products** that require sterilization in the US are sterilized using EO.

EO Exists Naturally and Comes From a Variety of Sources

Less than 1% of EO used in US is used in the sterilization of medical products.

- » Natural sources include **decaying plants** and the **human body's** normal metabolic process.
- » Other everyday sources include **home furnaces, vehicle exhaust, cooking oils and gas and charcoal grills.**
- » EO is widely used in **manufacturing, building and construction, transportation and consumer products.**

New Mexico Attorney General Puts Public Health at Risk

- » NM AG initiated lawsuit seeks to interfere with facility operations, while improperly seeking damages and penalties for lawful activities authorized by U.S. EPA and NMED.
- » Sterigenics operates safely and any disruption of its lawful operation would further jeopardize the supply of what the Department of Health and Human Services has described as "scarce or threatened materials."
- » Millions of lifesaving medical products would be in danger of not reaching health care providers, including those needed to combat COVID-19.
- » Sterigenics will vigorously defend its essential and safe operations against this baseless lawsuit.