End Ethylene Oxide Pollution in Lake County

Did you know...
Two facilities in Lake County, IL are emitting Ethylene Oxide (EtO) into our air?

Why is this a concern?
EtO is a carcinogen (cancer-causing agent), that attacks human cells that increases the risk of developing cancers such as breast cancer, leukemia, melanoma, lung cancer and lymphoma.
EtO causes many health problems, including asthma, headaches, miscarriages, decreased fertility, birth defects. The risk is higher for children.

We have a moral obligation to protect the health of our neighbors, future generations, and our Earth!

What is Ethylene Oxide?
Gas used to sterilize materials that are sensitive to normal sterilization techniques (heat & moisture). It is also used to make some consumer products.

What can you do?
- Contact your IL legislator: http://bit.ly/stopeto
- Keep up to date: www.faithinplace.org/stop-eto

Are you a Gurnee or Waukegan resident?
- Attend your local government meeting (first & third Monday of the month at 7 pm)

What action can the Mayor of Waukegan and the Mayor of Gurnee take today?
- Implement their own air quality monitoring—Willowbrook hired a consultant to do this. http://www.willowbrookil.org/DocumentCenter/View/1480
- Write a letter to IEPA and USEPA to demand they do air and groundwater testing.
- Write a letter to IDPH and the state asking for a cancer cluster study (one is being done around Sterigenics in Willowbrook, IL).
- Host a public meeting informing residents on this matter.
- Ask state legislators to pass legislation banning companies from using EtO.
- Use home rule authority to pass a resolution banning companies from using EtO.

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