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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL & STATE'S ATTORNEY BERLIN ISSUE STATEMENT ON STERIGENICS CONSENT ORDER

Order Prohibits Willowbrook Facility from Reopening Until it Complies with State Law

Chicago — Attorney General Kwame Raoul and DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin today release the following statement regarding the proposed consent order with Sterigenics U.S., LLC (Sterigenics).

"We have never opposed the villages' motions to intervene because we recognize the need for the impacted communities to be heard, and we welcome their input in this process. Throughout this litigation, we have regularly communicated with the leadership of the affected communities, and we are committed to using all legal authority to protect the residents of Willowbrook and the surrounding communities.

"Our authority is defined by the laws passed by the General Assembly, which we are obligated to enforce. Although the new law does not authorize the permanent closure of Sterigenics if it can comply with the stringent requirements imposed by the General Assembly, the proposed consent order ensures that Sterigenics can operate only if it complies with those requirements. If the General Assembly passes additional legislation regarding ethylene oxide, our offices would be duty bound and prepared to enforce that legislation."