



Comment on Santa Teresa Complaint

“Sterigenics denies the unfounded claims made in the lawsuit filed by the New Mexico Attorney General. We operate safely and are committed to protecting public health. Our Santa Teresa facility sterilizes vital medical products for healthcare providers and patients who need them – including life-saving medical products that are used to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic – and we consistently comply with applicable laws and regulations governing emissions in our operations. We will vigorously defend our essential and safe operations against this baseless lawsuit.”

Q&A:

1. What is the nature of the New Mexico Attorney General’s lawsuit?

- The New Mexico Attorney General’s lawsuit makes certain allegations regarding the emissions of ethylene oxide from Sterigenics’ Santa Teresa facility.
- The complaint seeks an order prohibiting certain emissions from the facility and modifying the sterilization process at the facility, along with damages and penalties. It does not demand closure of the facility.
- Sterigenics denies the unfounded claims made in the complaint and will vigorously defend its essential and safe operations against this baseless lawsuit.

2. Is the facility regulated?

- The facility and its operations are subject to stringent regulatory oversight by several federal and state agencies, including the US Environmental Protection Agency, US Food & Drug Administration, US Department of Transportation, and US Department of Homeland Security.
- The facility also operates under an Air Quality Permit issued by the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) pursuant to federal and state environmental regulations and standards.
- The facility has consistently complied with the requirements of its Air Quality Permit.
- The NMED is not a party to the lawsuit.

3. How does this situation compare to actions taken related to your facilities in other states?

- Every situation is different and the lawsuit filed by the New Mexico Attorney General is unrelated to actions in other states.
- The lawsuit seeks an order prohibiting certain emissions from the facility and modifying the sterilization process at the facility, along with damages and penalties. It does not demand closure of the facility.

4. What is timing of next steps in the New Mexico matter?

- Sterigenics has removed the case to Federal court; the New Mexico Attorney General has filed a motion to remand the case to state court.
- The case is still in its early stages and we cannot speculate on timing but we intend to vigorously defend against this baseless lawsuit.

5. How does the company’s previously announced program of general facility enhancements impact the Santa Teresa facility?

- Sterigenics has voluntarily installed enhancements to the Santa Teresa facility that reduced EO emissions beyond already safe, permitted levels.
- Sterigenics has previously stated its intent to implement incremental enhancements across its US EO sterilization facilities and was already planning additional emission reduction enhancements for the Santa Teresa facility before the New Mexico Attorney General’s lawsuit.
- Sterigenics remains committed to implementing the Santa Teresa facility enhancements.

6. Is the Santa Teresa facility safe?

- Yes. The Santa Teresa facility operates safely and consistently complies with applicable laws and regulations governing emissions.
- Sterigenics has voluntarily installed enhancements to the Santa Teresa facility that reduced EO emissions beyond already safe, permitted levels. Sterigenics was already planning additional emission reduction enhancements before the New Mexico Attorney General's lawsuit, and will continue to do so.
- Sterigenics remains committed to operating safe facilities that protect patients, employees and communities.

7. How large is the Santa Teresa facility?

- Approximately 2.5 million essential medical products and devices are sterilized each day at Santa Teresa which employs 52 people.
- This includes vital products, many of which are essential in battling Covid-19, such as prefilled syringes, custom surgical kits and catheters, surgical diagnostic equipment, surgical drapes and gowns and tracheotomy, cardiovascular and ear, nose and throat tubing sets.