



Stop ETO in Lake County

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The Stop EtO in Lake County grassroots citizens group is requesting of our local public officials to **publicly endorse** and **show their unwavering support for House Bill 3888**. This important piece of legislation, which regulates cancer causing Ethylene Oxide, passed the State House on October 30th and will be voted on in the State Senate during the upcoming veto session on November 12th, 13th, and 14th. Thank you to all the State Representatives who voted in favor of passing HB3888. Your support is immensely appreciated by our community. **We are asking the following local entities to make a public statement strongly endorsing HB3888:**

- Lake County Health Department
- Village of Gurnee Mayor and Trustees
- City of Waukegan Mayor and Aldermen
- State Senators (including our local State Senator Terry Link)

House Bill 3888 aims to improve the health of Lake County and all IL residents and we need our local leadership to show public support for HB 3888 and to actively advocate for its passage in the Senate.

About Stop EtO in Lake County:

Stop EtO in Lake County is a citizen-led movement. We aim to raise awareness of cancer-causing ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions in Lake County, IL and to **eliminate** EtO from our air.

Ethylene Oxide is being emitted into our backyards in alarming amounts by two facilities, Vantage Specialty Chemicals and Medline. This invisible and odorless toxic gas is a scientifically proven class 1A carcinogen and MUTAGEN. The science is indisputable. Lake County children are breathing in a carcinogen and mutagen daily and they face an elevated risk of health problems (with cancer being the worst of many possible diseases). This situation is immoral and completely unacceptable.