



Stop ETO in Lake County

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The Stop EtO in Lake County grassroots citizens group finds the recent UIC blood study results alarming. Knowing that children and residents living near the Medline sterilization facility have significantly elevated levels of Ethylene Oxide (EtO) in their hemoglobin adducts leaves our citizens incredibly concerned. **It is time for our local, state, and federal leaders to FINALLY step in and put an end to the environmental injustice in Lake County.**

We will persist until we succeed in banning EtO emissions next to our homes and schools. Cancer causing Ethylene Oxide emissions were not tolerated in Willowbrook (IL), Smyrna (GA), Covington (GA), and Grand Rapids (MI) and they will NOT be tolerated in Lake County, IL. Our community members are not lab rats. Ethylene Oxide is a definitive carcinogen and mutagen. This is the only information we need to know to ban the emission of this toxin next to our homes and schools. It is time for common sense to prevail.

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.

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