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Subject: FW: Petition for an emergency air pollution order re: Sterilization Services of Tennessee
Attachments: 2023-02-07 MCAP Petition to SCHO for emergency air pollution order re EtO.PDF

FYI-
Larry Smith at Memphis-Shelby Co received this when we were on our community scale grant quarterly call.

From: Smith, Larry <Larry.Smith@shelbycountytn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 12:30 PM
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Subject: FW: Petition for an emergency air pollution order re: Sterilization Services of Tennessee

FYI Larry

From: Amanda Garcia <agarcia@selctn.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2023 9:29 AM
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Subject: Petition for an emergency air pollution order re: Sterilization Services of Tennessee

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Dear Dr. Randolph:

Please find attached a petition on behalf of Memphis Community Against Pollution (MCAP) asking you in your capacity as the Shelby County Health Officer to exercise your emergency powers to protect the health of the South Memphis community by ordering Sterilization Services of Tennessee to cease operations or discontinue its ethylene oxide pollution.

The Shelby County Health Officer has a duty to issue an emergency order when he "finds that a generalized condition of air pollution exists and that it creates an emergency requiring immediate action to protect human health or safety." Memphis Muni. Code § 9-12-9(A). Even where there is not a generalized condition of air pollution, the Health Officer may issue an emergency order if he "finds that emissions from the operation of one or more air contaminant sources is causing imminent danger to human health or safety." *Id.* § 9-12-9(B). As detailed in the attached petition, an emergency order requiring Sterilization Services of Tennessee to shut down or stop polluting is appropriate under either of these provisions.

The South Memphis community should not be forced to endure several more years of unnecessary exposure to a cancer-causing chemical while EPA completes its rulemaking. The Shelby County Health Officer has the duty to order Sterilization Services of Tennessee to stop polluting South Memphis's air with ethylene oxide *now*. We urge you to act expeditiously on this petition.

Sincerely,
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