

OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Meeting with Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Stakeholders

Earth Justice, 1199 SEIU, California Communities Against Toxics, Clean Air Laredo Coalition, Clean Air Now, Clean Power Lake County, Comite Dialogo Ambiental, Comite Pro Uno, Green Latinos Colorado Chapter, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, Laredo City Council, Mallory Heights Community Development Corporation, Memphis Communities Against Pollution, Rio Grande International Study Center, Sierra Club Falls of the James Chapter, Stop Sterigenics, Union of Concerned Scientists

June 12, 2023
In Person at US EPA Headquarters
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C.
And via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Non-Profit Organizations	EPA
Earth Justice	Rick Keigwin, Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP
1199 SEIU	Jake Li, Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP
California Communities Against Toxics	Ed Messina, Director, OCSPP-OPP
Clean Air Laredo Coalition	Mike Goodis, Deputy Director, OCSPP-OPP
Clean Air Now	Anita Pease, Director, OCSPP-OPP-AD
Clean Power Lake County	Elissa Reaves, Director, OCSPP-OPP-PRD
Comite Dialogo Ambiental	Melissa Panger, Chief, OCSPP-OPP-AD-RAB
Comite Pro Uno	Eric Miederhoff, Chief, OCSPP-OPP-AD
Green Latinos Colorado Chapter	Linda Arrington, Chief, OCSPP-OPP-PRD
Labor Council for Latin American	Jessie Bailey, Chemical Review Manager, OCSPP-OPP-AD
Advancement	
Laredo City Council	Sue Bartow, Chemical Review Manager, OCSPP-OPP-PRD
Mallory Heights Community	
Development Corporation	
Memphis Communities Against Pollution	
Rio Grande International Study Center	
Sierra Club Falls of the James Chapter	
Stop Sterigenics	
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Meeting Discussion:

On June 12, 2023, EPA senior leadership, management, and staff met with representatives from the non-profit organizations Earth Justice, 1199 SEIU, California Communities Against Toxics, Clean Air Laredo Coalition, Clean Air Now, Clean Power Lake County, Comite Dialogo Ambiental, Comite Pro Uno, Green Latinos Colorado Chapter, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, Laredo City Council, Mallory Heights Community Development Corporation, Memphis Communities Against Pollution, Rio Grande International Study Center, Sierra Club Falls of the James Chapter, Stop Sterigenics, and the Union of Concerned Scientists. Participants discussed stakeholder perspectives on potential changes to strengthen the FIFRA Proposed Interim Decision (PID) on ethylene oxide (EtO). EPA listened to statements from concerned workers and community members. Other topics discussed included potential use cancellations, impacts of EtO emissions on surrounding communities, worker protection, off-site warehouses where EtO-sterilized products are stored, and the proposed mitigation measures included in the EtO PID.