

# National Webinar & Community Information Session on Ethylene Oxide (EtO)

EPA has recently completed a risk assessment for communities near EtO commercial sterilizers currently operating in the United States. Professional Contract Sterilization, Inc., located at 40 Myles Standish Blvd. in Taunton, Massachusetts, has been identified as a commercial sterilizer where EtO emissions may pose elevated cancer risk in portions of Taunton and Norton, Massachusetts.

EPA is committed to reducing this risk in Taunton, Norton, and other impacted communities nationwide. EPA would like to talk to you more about these risks and the actions we are taking to reduce these risks. Please visit our website to register for two upcoming virtual events on EtO commercial sterilizers.

- **August 10, 2022 - National Webinar on EtO from Commercial Sterilizers**
- **September 13, 2022 - Community Information Session for Taunton and Norton, MA**

## Background Information

EtO is a colorless gas. It is typically odorless in the concentrations found outside of facilities or in communities. One common use for EtO is to sterilize medical equipment and devices.

EtO emissions from commercial sterilizers can contribute to elevated cancer risk in some American communities. EPA's analysis indicates that the air nearby does not exceed short-term health benchmarks. However, our concern is that a lifetime of exposure to EtO emissions could lead to long-term health impacts if some of these facilities continue to emit at the current levels.

To learn more about EtO and where you can register for these virtual events please visit: [www.epa.gov/EtO](http://www.epa.gov/EtO)

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