

SB1853



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. John F. Curran

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

415 ILCS 5/9.16 new

Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency shall reevaluate the current air pollution operating permit of any facility emitting ethylene oxide and conduct a 90-day public hearing process on such permits. Provides that no air pollution operating permit shall be renewed if the facility is in violation of any federal or State standards or current studies pertaining to ethylene oxide. Provides that a facility emitting ethylene oxide at levels higher than federal or State standards shall immediately cease operations until the level of emissions are reduced below both federal and State standards. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by
5 adding Section 9.16 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/9.16 new)

7 Sec. 9.16. Permits, hearings, and notice for facilities
8 emitting ethylene oxide.

9 (a) The Agency shall immediately reevaluate the current air
10 pollution operating permit of any facility emitting ethylene
11 oxide, by conducting a 90-day public hearing process on all
12 such facilities. The Agency shall, by rule, provide for the
13 90-day public hearing process which shall, at a minimum,
14 include:

15 (1) three public hearings in the community where the
16 facility emitting the ethylene oxide is located; and

17 (2) an opportunity for public testimony at each
18 hearing.

19 (b) No air pollution operating permit shall be renewed if
20 the Agency finds that the facility is emitting ethylene oxide
21 at a level that violates any federal or State standards or
22 current studies pertaining to ethylene oxide. The Agency shall
23 also consider the results of the 90-day public hearing process

1 when evaluating a facility's permit renewal.

2 (c) If, at any time, a facility is emitting ethylene oxide
3 at a level higher than the standards set forth by Section 112
4 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7412) or the Agency,
5 then the facility shall immediately cease operations until
6 sufficient changes are made to reduce the level of such
7 emissions below both federal and State standards.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.