

COMPANY STATEMENT



July 25, 2019

BD Statement on Georgia Facilities

BD is working closely with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) regarding the agency's recent modeling of ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions for BD's facility in Covington. Today the Georgia EPD released a statement clarifying that the level of ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions at BD's facility in Covington is within acceptable risk levels as defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Since their inception, both of BD's sterilization facilities in Georgia have used the best available technology to reduce EtO emissions. These facilities currently achieve greater than 99.95% destruction of EtO in our plant emissions, which is better than the federal requirement of 99%, and results in EtO emissions well below the maximum levels allowed through our permits for the Covington and Madison facilities. BD's facilities in Georgia are among the best in the industry in EtO emission performance, and the company continually invests to maintain state-of-the-art technology in our facilities.

Even though our current EtO emission controls are among the most effective in the industry, BD is continuously striving to improve air quality controls at our facilities. We are currently working closely with Georgia EPD to implement additional voluntary improvements to further reduce emissions in Covington and Madison. To achieve this, BD is working with industry partners and Georgia EPD to discover new system and process innovations that will further reduce EtO emissions at our facilities, which the company plans to implement as soon as designs are finalized and approved through the appropriate permitting processes.

BD cares deeply for our employees and the communities in which we operate. We are an important part of the Covington and Madison communities and take our responsibility to be a good corporate citizen very seriously. In addition to Georgia EPD, we are collaborating with local, state and federal officials to provide information and awareness of the high level of process safety and environmental controls used in our Georgia facilities, and we are committed to maintaining community transparency. We simply would not operate a facility that we do not feel is safe for employees and neighboring residential areas.

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