

# COMPANY STATEMENT



**August 20, 2019**

## **BD Commits to Improvements for Covington and Madison Facilities**

BD committed in writing to Governor Kemp today that the company will voluntarily further reduce emissions through an \$8 million investment in BD's world-class sterilization operations in Covington and Madison.

BD committed to design and install new emission reduction technologies and processes to further reduce fugitive emissions. The company also presented a plan to have an independent company validate its current stack emissions destruction of 99.95%, better than the 99% regulatory requirement.

The company has already begun work with external engineering firms and identified suppliers for additional pollution control technologies.

BD will continue to work with Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to expedite the permitting process with full transparency to install these improvements as quickly as possible to the Covington and Madison facilities.

It is important to note, and Georgia EPD has confirmed in its [July 25, 2019 press release](#), BD is in compliance with current federal requirements for control of ethylene oxide emissions and BD's facilities are currently emitting significantly less ethylene oxide than assumed in the 2014 NATA. Nonetheless, BD is committed to ensuring its facilities are industry leading from an environmental health and safety perspective, and we will continue to work collaboratively and transparently with regulators and the communities in which we operate to invest in the best available technologies for our facilities.

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