

COMPANY STATEMENT



Dec. 18, 2019

BD Statement on Global Distribution Center

BD is reviewing the notice from Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to reduce fugitive ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions at our Global Distribution Center (GDC) in Covington, Ga. and will respond on or before the Dec. 20 deadline. Air monitoring data from inside and outside the facility confirm that BD's facility is safe for employees and the community. Average EtO levels inside the facility are about 65% below the permissible exposure limits set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which is the regulatory authority for EtO levels inside business facilities. BD also conducts ongoing employee monitoring through our industrial hygiene program at the GDC, which also confirms there are no exposures above OSHA permissible exposure levels. External air monitoring data have also confirmed that EtO levels in the ambient air outside of the GDC is in line with "background" EtO levels found by both Georgia EPD and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at air monitoring sites in Georgia and across the country where there are no industrial sources of EtO. This confirms the products stored at the GDC are not meaningfully contributing to higher levels of EtO than what is found in ambient air across the U.S. In addition, laboratory testing has also confirmed BD products are in compliance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards for residual EtO levels that ensure patient and health care worker safety.

Throughout the course of the past year, BD has acted transparently and collaboratively with local and state officials to innovate and identify new methods to voluntarily further reduce emissions from its facilities in Georgia. While air monitoring data and analyses from board-certified toxicology experts have confirmed that all of BD's facilities are operating in a manner that is safe for employees and the community, BD has committed to invest more than \$8 million to further reduce EtO emissions as evidenced by the judicial consent order dated Oct. 28, 2019. BD will continue to work collaboratively with state and federal officials to propose and implement new ways to further reduce fugitive emissions from its facilities in Georgia.