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Billy Gibbons and ZZ Top have been announced to play OC's Bikefest on Saturday, Sept. 16. BRIAN KREUSER PHOTO

EPA updates residents on risks of chemical emission

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The Environmental Protection Agency returned to Salisbury on Thursday evening to update the public on new regulations stemming from health risks from the chemical, ethylene oxide or EtO, from Trinity Sterile Inc.

According to the EPA, the 201 Kiley Drive site uses ethylene oxide to sterilize medical equipment and materials. The danger comes when there are lifetime cancer risks of 100 in a million or greater from breathing air containing the material emitted from the facility, per the EPA. That is the same as one additional cancer case in 10,000 people.

The EPA also noted the company is currently in compliance with all regulations governing EtO emissions.

A lifetime cancer risk of 100 in a million means that, if 1 million people were exposed to this level of oxides in the air 24 hours a day for 70 years, 100 people would be expected to develop cancer from that exposure.

According to Beal, the agency learned in 2016 the chemical was dangerous when inhaled. That led to a study in 2018 in areas around the country where other communities were exposed to collect further data.

In the coming weeks, EPA officials expect to propose air pollution regulation to protect public health by addressing EtO emissions at commercial sterilizers. The agency is sharing EtO emissions data and information with the public to solicit feedback and improve public understanding of the risk.

Once new regulations are adopted, facilities like Trinity Sterile Inc. will have a deadline to become compliant to revised rules.

"There are two ways EtO can leave the facility. The first is once it's used to sterilize something, it is drawn into a controlled system, and they clean it out of the air. They capture it and break it down before releasing a considerably

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In OC, rock rally & roll

The full entertainment lineup for Bikefest

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Rev your engines and get ready to rock, rally and roll at the largest motorcycle festival on the East Coast — the 2023 OC Bikefest.

From Sept. 13-17, Bikefest attendees will gather together along Coastal Highway to indulge in all things motorcycles. Here's the latest on the music lineup and more.

BikeFest lineup has Lynyrd Skynyrd, Shinedown and more

Another star-studded lineup is headed to Ocean City this fall.

The 2023 OC Bikefest lineup will kickoff with big name headliner Shinedown, who will perform on The Progressive Insurance Main Stage at the OC Inlet on Friday, Sept. 15. The Struts will perform as the supporting act.



Bikers flood the streets of downtown Ocean City for a previous Bikefest event. The big rally will return to the resort from Sept. 13-17

SALISBURY DAILY TIMES FILE IMAGE

Southern rock royalty Lynyrd Skynyrd, the band behind "Free Bird" and many other Southern rock classics, will take to the main stage at the OC Inlet the following day, on Saturday, Sept. 16. Also set for the Inlet stage on Saturday are Texas legends ZZ TOP, who've had megahits like "Gimme All Your Loving," "Sharp Dressed Man" and many more

through the years. Tickets are now available for purchase here. Attendees may choose between 3-day general admission, 3-day VIP, single day general admission and single day VIP. According to the official OC Bikefest website, each concert

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Biden's moves on drilling, TikTok test young voters

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TEMPE, Ariz. — Recent moves by President Joe Biden to pressure TikTok over its Chinese ownership and approve oil drilling in an untapped area of Alaska are testing the loyalty of young voters, a group that's largely been in his corner.

Youth turnout surged in the three elections since Donald Trump was elected president in 2016, helping Biden eke out victories in swing states in 2020, pick up a Democratic Senate seat in the 2022 election and stem potential losses in the House.

But the 80-year-old president has never been the favorite candidate of young liberals itching for a new generation of American leadership. As Biden gears up for an expected reelection campaign, a potential

TikTok ban and the Alaska drilling could weigh him down.

Meanwhile, his plan to wipe out billions of dollars in student loan debt is in jeopardy at the Supreme Court. The effort, announced shortly before last year's midterms, was an attempt by Biden to keep a promise he made after defeating progressive Sen. Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary campaign in 2020.

The risk for Biden is less that young left-of-center voters will vote Republican and more that they would sit out an uninspiring election altogether.

"I'm a Democrat, but I'm not voting for Biden," said Mark Buehlmann, a 20-year-old Arizona State University student who said he likely would abstain if Biden is the Democratic nominee, as expected. "He's

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TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew testifies during a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, on the platform's consumer privacy and data security practices and impact on children, Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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