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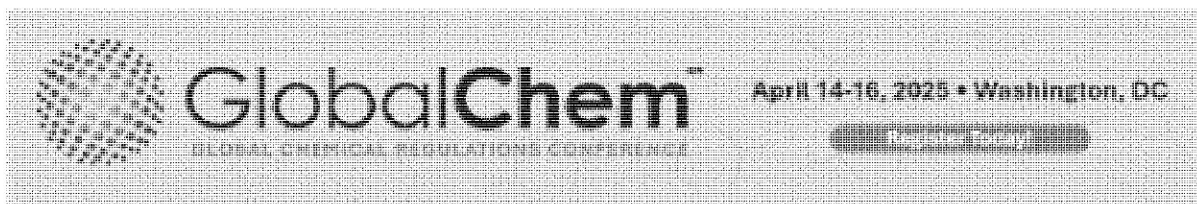
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Much appreciated, Abbie. Thanks again.

Regards,  
Brendan



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Brendan-

Thank you for sending this over, I have sent it on to Michael.

Best,  
Abbie



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Hi Abbie,

I wanted to share with you below a few of the press statements issued by ACC today. Please feel free to send on (I didn't have Michael's email address), and thanks again.

Regards,  
Brendan



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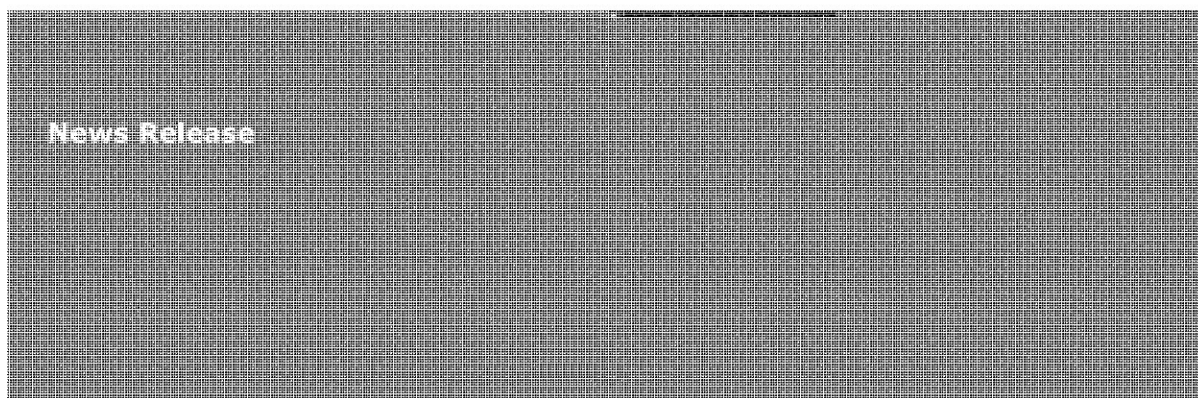
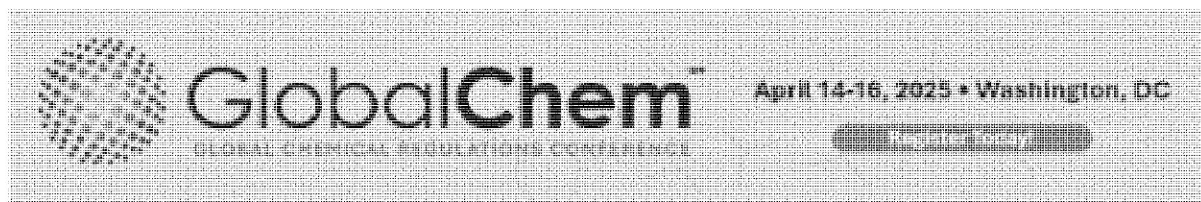
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**ACC Applauds EPA Actions on Chemical Sector NESHAPs**

**WASHINGTON (March 12, 2025)** – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today issued a statement commending the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to reconsider NESHAPs related to chemical manufacturing and commercial sterilizers:

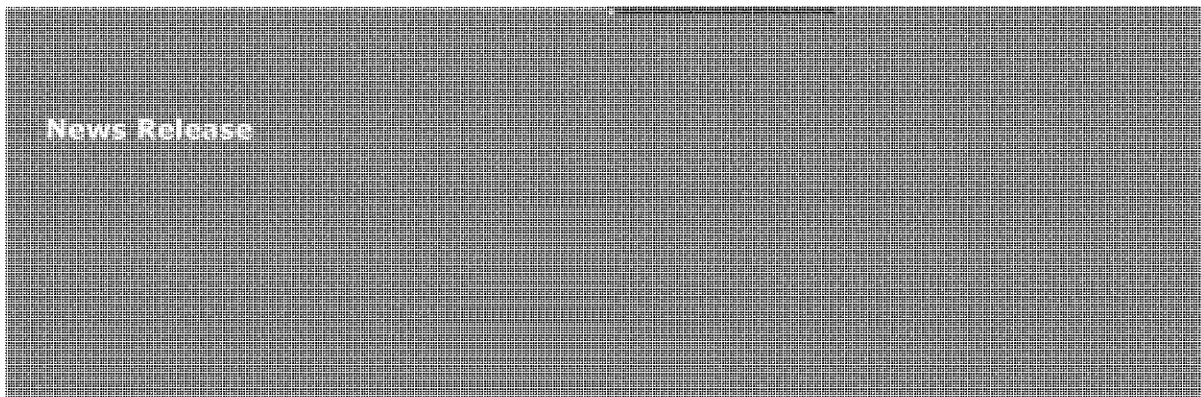
"We applaud EPA for taking this critical step to revisit these regulations.

"The HON rule, as adopted by the previous Administration, disregards relevant scientific evidence, overlooks significant practical concerns, and exceeds the EPA's statutory authority. This rulemaking jeopardizes the production of essential chemistries that are crucial for public health and national security and that are used in countless everyday products and critical industries such as agriculture, healthcare, semiconductor manufacturing, and more. Further, the previous Administration's final rule advanced these requirements on an unworkable timeline, forcing significant capital expenditures for requirements that in some cases are not technically feasible.

"Additionally, the EPA rule concerning ethylene oxide use in commercial sterilizers threatens to severely restrict access to vital medical products nationwide.

"We commend the EPA for their commitment to reevaluating these policies. We look forward to working with EPA throughout this process to develop appropriate, science-based requirements that help protect public health and safety without imposing unnecessary regulatory burdens on domestic manufacturers and undermining American competitiveness."

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### **ACC Welcomes Trump Administration Review of PM 2.5 Rule**

**WASHINGTON (March 12, 2025)** – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) supports U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin's announcement today that the Agency has taken steps to begin reconsideration of the Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards (PM 2.5 NAAQS) rule to help power the great American comeback.

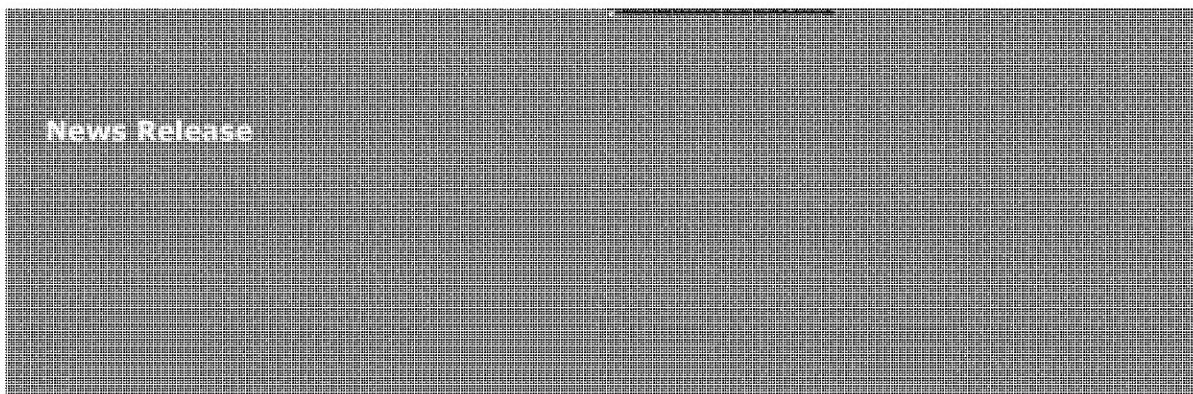
The following statement may be attributed to Dr. Kimberly Wise White, Ph.D., ACC's Vice President for Regulatory and Scientific Affairs:

"ACC appreciates EPA's plans to revisit the previous Administration's PM2.5 NAAQS rule and issue guidance to increase flexibility and provide clear direction on permitting obligations. EPA's decision is an important step towards growing domestic chemical production in a streamlined, efficient, and protective way. Today's announcement helps promote the broader regulatory certainty necessary to foster continued industry growth, innovation, and expansion and strengthen our manufacturing economy.

"ACC members are committed to the health and safety of the communities where we operate and the products we manufacture. We are a safer and cleaner industry than ever before. Responsible Care®, our mandatory world-class safety and environmental performance program, is what sets us apart. Responsible Care practitioners have a 4x better worker safety rate than the U.S. manufacturing sector as a whole and a 3x better worker safety rate than the business of chemistry overall.

"ACC and its industry partners will continue to work with this Administration, Congress and EPA to support America's great comeback. America's success relies on American chemistry."

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### **Chemical Manufacturers Support Fixing Missteps and Making America a Manufacturing Superpower**

**WASHINGTON (March 12, 2025)** – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) supports EPA Administrator Zeldin on taking steps to power the great American comeback. The following statement can be attributed to ACC President and CEO, Chris Jahn:

"The chemical and plastics manufacturing industry appreciates Administrator Zeldin for recognizing that a smarter, more predictable regulatory process is imperative for not only producing more at home but making America stronger and more affordable for its citizens. We welcome the new regulatory direction and look forward to providing input before any final actions are taken in the future."

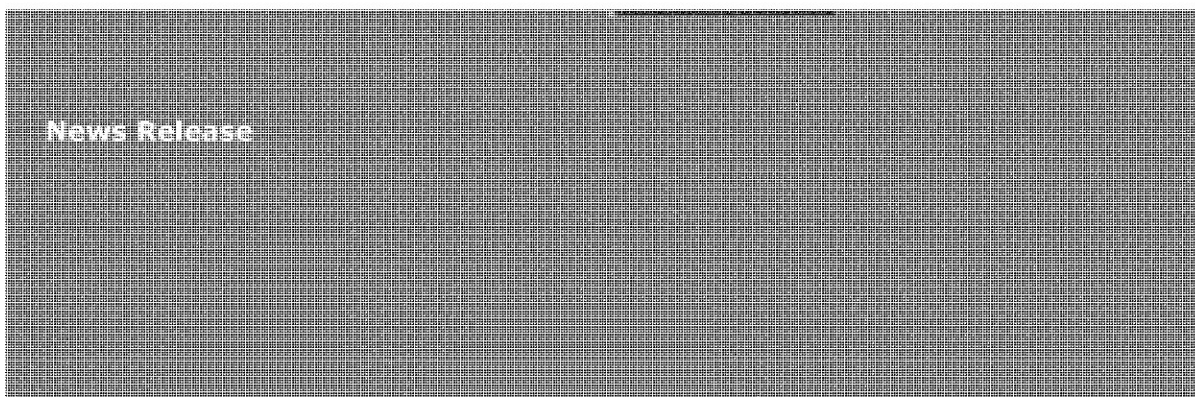
"Yesterday, we were at a crossroads because of missteps under the previous Administration that discouraged job creation and investment, increased operating and compliance costs, and jeopardized national security. Today, Administrator Zeldin and the EPA have taken necessary steps to grow U.S. chemical production here at home that will make America the world's manufacturing superpower.

"America's chemical manufacturers and chemistry products support more than 4 million jobs and 25% of U.S. GDP. National defense, energy independence, innovation and a resilient supply chain all depend on chemistry. U.S. chemical producers are the driving force for everyday products that businesses and families rely on and help manufacturers compete and win globally.

"ACC members are committed to the health and safety of the communities where we operate and the products we manufacture. We are safer and cleaner than ever before. Responsible Care®, our mandatory world-class safety and environmental performance program, is what sets us apart. Responsible Care practitioners have a 4x better worker safety rate than the U.S. manufacturing sector as a whole and a 3x better worker safety rate than the business of chemistry overall.

"Let's work together to keep America strong. American success relies on American chemistry."

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### **ACC Welcomes Trump Administration Review of Social Cost of Carbon**

**WASHINGTON (March 12, 2025)** – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement in response to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s announcement that the Agency will undertake a series of historic deregulatory actions including an "overhaul [to] the Biden-Harris Administration's 'Social Cost of Carbon.'"

"We welcome EPA's decision to revisit the Biden-Harris administration's 'social cost of carbon.' This metric affects a broad range of policies and regulations, and directives for updating the values should adhere to rigorous methodology including ample opportunities for public and stakeholder input. Unfortunately, the previous administration failed to institute and implement a clear process that properly engaged stakeholders, resulting in a flawed metric. We look forward to reviewing and providing input on EPA's proposals on this issue as they emerge."

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## News Release

### ACC Welcomes Regulatory Action to Get Chemical Safety Program Back on Track

**WASHINGTON (Mar. 12, 2025)** – Earlier this year the American Chemistry Council along with other trade associations sent a joint letter to Administrator Zeldin of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urging the agency to address serious problems with the “2024 Safer Communities by Chemical Accident Prevention: Risk Management Program Rule.” The following statement regarding the Agency’s decision to start a new rulemaking can be attributed to American Chemistry Council’s Vice President of Regulatory & Scientific Affairs, Dr. Kimberly Wise White:

“ACC and its members put safety at the core of our operations through the Responsible Care® the chemical industry’s world-class environmental, health, safety and security performance initiative. As members of the communities where we operate, we have an obligation to advance safety and prevent incidents.

“We are also committed to continuing our work with EPA to protect workers and communities through important programs such as RMP, which has led to an 80% reduction in chemical related incidents over the past thirty years.

“This action by the Agency is absolutely necessary to address the serious flaws and shortcomings of the rule that was issued last year. We look forward to reviewing and commenting on a new proposed rule and supporting a science-driven, performance-based approach that continues to enhance chemical safety and security.”

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