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WASHINGTON, March 20, 2018 – API issued the following statement regarding the release of EPA’s proposed amendments to its refinery emissions regulations based on analyses that, after significant effort and years in review, show that refineries are operating at safe air emissions levels to protect public health.

“EPA’s practical clarification to the language of the refinery rule’s regulatory requirements is a positive step that can help reduce uncertainty, while meeting our shared goal to protect public health,” Senior Director of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Howard Feldman. “Balanced, effective refinery regulations allow our industry to invest in production of cleaner fuels and in our facilities in order to improve environmental performance.

“The safe operation of our refineries and the protection of the health and safety of our workers, the communities where we operate, and the environment are core values for our industry. Through the development of cleaner transportation fuels and lower emissions at our facilities, our industry is contributing to a cleaner environment – including helping the U.S. reduce ozone concentrations by 17 percent since 2000.

“The natural gas and oil industry is committed to safety and environmental stewardship to help continue these trends as communities across the country benefit from the responsible development and use of America’s oil and natural gas.”

API is the only national trade association representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, which supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and nearly 8 percent of the U.S. economy. API’s more than 625 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration and production, refining, marketing, pipeline, and marine businesses, and service and supply firms. They provide most of the nation’s energy and are backed by a growing grassroots movement of more than 40 million Americans.

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