

Jackson, Ryan

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 1:43 PM
To: White, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 3:01 PM
To: 'Joanna Slaney' <jslaney@edf.org>
Subject: RE: EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride

I do. Call anytime. (b) (6)

We should have this ready to send soon.

From: Joanna Slaney [<mailto:jslaney@edf.org>]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 2:55 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride

Hi Ryan,

Do you have any time tomorrow to talk?

Best,
Joanna

From: Joanna Slaney
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2018 12:35 PM
To: 'Jackson, Ryan' <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride

Hi Ryan,

Wanted to see if we could find a few minutes to talk methylene chloride. Is there a time that works to talk?

Best,
Joanna

From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 9:57 AM
To: Joanna Slaney <jslaney@edf.org>
Subject: RE: EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride

Right, that's the confusion which I'm trying to sort through in order to tell you that affirmatively. Maybe the proposal wasn't done in a sloppy way, but there's a difference of opinion even within the building.

From: Joanna Slaney [<mailto:jslaney@edf.org>]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride

Thanks, Ryan. Will the final rule retain the proposed rule's language on the ban for all consumer and most commercial uses?

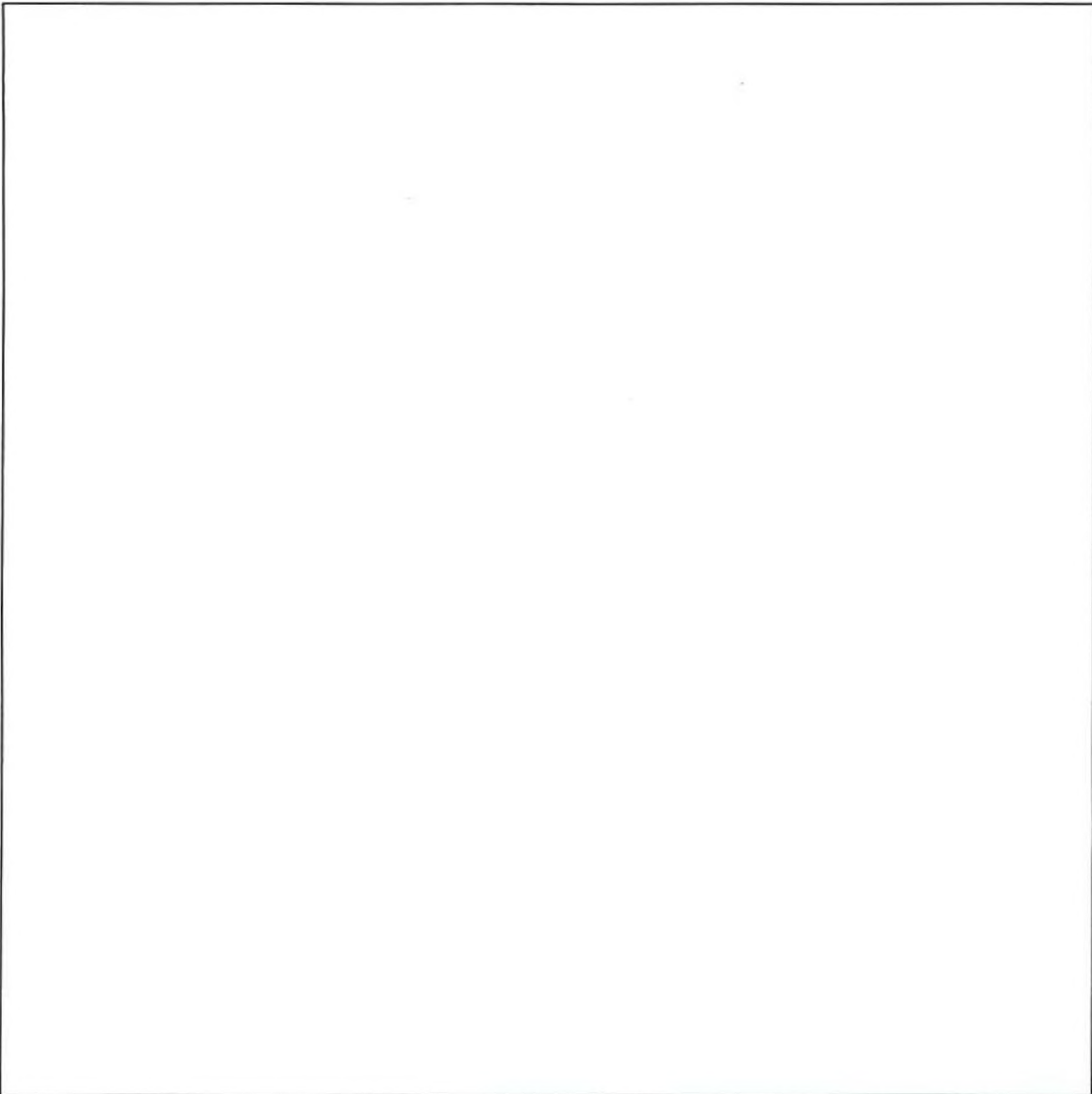
From: Jackson, Ryan [<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 8:28 AM
To: Joanna Slaney <jslaney@edf.org>
Subject: FW: EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride

Per our conversation, I wanted you to be informed.

We are in the process of finalizing this, however, one of the problems internally seems to be what we proposed in the first place. I think to be entirely honest due to it being proposed on January 19, 2017 in a hurried fashion there's at least questions about the proposal I'm trying to get finished so we can complete this.

However, we are moving forward like I mentioned yesterday, and I hope to get this completed in short order.

From: EPA Press Office [<mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com>] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 7:19 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride



EPA Announces Action on Methylene Chloride

WASHINGTON (May 10, 2018) - Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced upcoming actions on methylene chloride, a chemical that can be used for paint stripping. The *Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act*, which amended the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), requires EPA to perform risk evaluations on the uses of ten specific chemicals including methylene chloride. EPA is nearing the completion of Problem Formulations for the first ten chemicals.

A timeline of EPA's recent work on methylene chloride:

- In 2014, EPA addressed the paint stripping uses in its risk assessment.
- In January 2017, EPA proposed prohibiting the consumer and commercial paint stripping uses for methylene chloride.

- In June 2017, EPA announced that it will *not* re-evaluate the paint stripping uses of methylene chloride.

Based on this work, EPA is announcing three updates:

- EPA intends to finalize the methylene chloride rulemaking;
- EPA is not re-evaluating the paint stripping uses of methylene chloride and is relying on its previous risk assessments; and
- EPA is working to send the finalized rulemaking to OMB shortly.

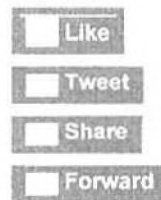
EPA is working diligently to implement the new law get the most modern and safe chemicals to market, and to ensure the safety of existing chemicals.

For more information on TSCA implementation, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/frank-r-lautenberg-chemical-safety-21st-century-act-5>

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