ACC Map Shows Impact of EPA Ozone Regulations

Thanks to plentiful and affordable natural gas and natural gas liquids from shale, America’s chemistry industry is undergoing an historic expansion. But EPA’s proposed ozone regulations could put the brakes on manufacturing growth in many parts of the country.

- Due to the U.S. chemical industry’s competitiveness in the cost and availability of energy and feedstock, major projects such as new plants, expansions, and factory restarts are being announced.

- More than $125 billion in new U.S. chemical industry investment is planned or underway, which could create and support more than 700,000 permanent new American jobs by 2023.

- EPA recently proposed lowering the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone from 75 parts per billion (ppb) to 65-70 ppb. Unfortunately, much of the U.S. will be unable to meet the more stringent standard.

- Manufacturing growth could slow or stop in states that find themselves in non-compliance. In these ‘nonattainment’ areas, facilities face regulatory requirements that make projects far more costly and complex.

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