



# Statement

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## ACC NANOTECHNOLOGY PANEL STATEMENT REGARDING EPA NEW RULES ON NANOTUBES

ARLINGTON, VA (June 24, 2009) – *The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today commented on the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) significant new rules (SNUR) on multi-walled carbon nanotubes and single-walled carbon nanotubes.*

*ACC Nanotechnology Panel Manager, William Gulledge issued the following statement:*

“The American Chemistry Council (ACC) supports the decision announced today by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) calling for enhanced regulations on nanotubes. The agency’s move to designate any new manufacture or import of certain nanotubes as “significant new use,” under Section 5 (a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) allows EPA to regulate nanotubes under TSCA. The directive will require employees to wear protective face and body equipment while working with nanotubes. This is a reasonable approach while governmental authorities collect additional information on potential health and environmental impacts related to carbon nanotubes.

“Today’s action by EPA demonstrates that the agency can take appropriate action to protect health and the environment and is consistent with ACC’s call for further improvement and modernization of the U.S. chemical regulatory system. For our part, the chemical industry will continue to provide robust information in a transparent manner on chemicals it produces and to help EPA assess the safety of all chemicals in production.”

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*The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people’s lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®, common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues, and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a \$689 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation’s economy. It is one of the nation’s largest exporters, accounting for ten cents out of every dollar in U.S. exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation’s critical infrastructure.*

