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### **AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES INITIAL TSCA RISK EVALUATION CONSORTIA**

**WASHINGTON (November 21, 2019)** – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today announced the formation of Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Risk Evaluation Consortia to inform the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) risk evaluation of five chemicals: 1,3-butadiene, 1,4-dichlorobenzene (p-DCB), formaldehyde, phthalic anhydride, and propylene dichloride. ACC’s Center for Chemical Safety will serve as the scientific and technical hub for these consortia.

“It is essential for companies across the value chain to understand and engage in the TSCA process because it is critical to their businesses. Forming a consortium is a great way to do that,” said Steve Risotto from ACC’s Center for Chemical Safety. “ACC is a natural choice for these companies given our subject matter expertise, the tools and resources we offer, and the partnerships we have developed over many years as the voice of the chemical industry,” he continued.

In 2016, a bipartisan majority of Congress amended TSCA to reform the regulation of chemicals in the United States. TSCA gives EPA authority to regulate chemicals in commerce and manage any identified unreasonable risks to human health and the environment. Prioritization of chemicals for risk evaluation is a new feature of the updated law. Any final high-priority designation does not represent a finding of risk by EPA. Rather, that is the role of a TSCA risk evaluation.

During the TSCA risk evaluation process, chemical manufacturers, processors, importers, and downstream users will have opportunities to provide data, information, and public comments to EPA.

“TSCA risk evaluations have significant implications on a whole host of regulatory decisions ranging from future emission standards, permit requirements, and overall use. So, maximizing opportunities to provide input to EPA is a smart strategy. Joining a consortium is an ideal way to share costs and information during these critical steps of the process,” Risotto said.

In addition to the consortia already formed, ACC is in active discussion with manufacturers and importers of proposed high-priority chemicals to explore the formation of additional TSCA Risk Evaluation Consortia. Future announcements may follow.

“The chemical industry is fully committed to supporting EPA’s effective and efficient implementation of TSCA as Congress envisioned. ACC and its member companies will continue

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to support and meet the requirements of the law in order to help ensure implementation enhances public, industry, and government confidence in the federal chemical regulatory system,” added Risotto.

For more information, please visit ACC’s [Center for Chemical Safety](#).

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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 \$553 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is among the largest exporters in the nation, accounting for ten percent of all U.S. goods 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.*

