ACC Calls on Senators to Delay EPA Action on Stationary Source Rules

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 28, 2010) – The American Chemistry Council today joined 16 other organizations in calling for a delay in the imposition of new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules regarding greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources. In letters to key members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, ACC and peer organizations representing a broad swath of the American economy urged Senators to act now, before they go into recess, to stop what is a real threat to our economic recovery.

“If EPA is allowed to impose these new rules, it could slam the brakes on our economic recovery,” said Cal Dooley, President and CEO of the American Chemistry Council. “This will force the postponement of planned investments in new industrial facilities, meaning fewer jobs will be created and existing jobs will be lost. We simply can’t afford this right now.”

The letters urge the Committee to delay the EPA action by inserting language into the Continuing Resolution to be considered later this week. This will give Congress time to thoughtfully consider greenhouse gas reductions when it returns to session.

In addition to Dooley, leaders representing agriculture, mining, manufacturing and other industries signed the letters. The letters may be viewed at http://www.americanchemistry.com/11382 and http://www.americanchemistry.com/11383.

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