



# Statement

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## ACC COMMENTS ON EPA GUIDANCE FOR THIRD PARTY RISK EVALUATIONS UNDER AMENDED TSCA

WASHINGTON (June 22, 2017) – *In response to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) release of its “Guidance to Assist Interested Persons in Developing and Submitting Draft Risk Evaluations Under Toxic Substances Control Act” as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (LCSA), the American Chemistry Council today issued the following statement:*

“We welcome this important guidance, the critical companion to the risk evaluation rule. We commend EPA on developing the guidance and the risk evaluation rule on the same schedule and for releasing them at the same time. This will help ensure that the processes for risk evaluations, whether undertaken by the agency or other stakeholders, are consistent and apply the same standards for their conduct, for data quality and integrity and for scientific conclusions.

“Stakeholder initiated risk evaluations are a foundational element of LCSA, with a built-in fee structure that anticipates that these evaluations will occur. They also offer the agency a powerful tool to accelerate the pace and number of chemical reviews underway. With the release of this document, stakeholders have the guidance they need to begin adapting their chemical management programs to fully embrace the new, best in class scientific standards set out in the amended statute.”

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