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ACC ENCOURAGED BY EPA ACTION ON PROPOSED ‘BOILER’ RULE

ARLINGTON, VA (April 30, 2010) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) is encouraged today by the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed regulatory requirements for emissions from natural gas industrial, commercial and institutional boilers and process heaters.

While ACC has not had the opportunity to review the details of the lengthy proposed rules, particularly the requirements for units using fuels other than natural gas, we appreciate EPA’s acknowledgement that add-on controls for natural gas units would be prohibitively expensive (more than $14 billion), and could result in these clean-burning units switching to a different fuel. EPA has proposed work practices to limit the pollutant emissions from these units, and ACC intends to strongly support that reasoned approach in its comments on these proposed rules.

ACC supports efforts to address serious health threats from air emissions, and we are glad that, for natural gas units, EPA has proposed regulations in a balanced way that protect human health and sustain both the environment and jobs.

The chemical industry is critical to the stability and growth of the American economy, and provides vital products that meet essential societal need and improve the quality of life. ACC members will continue to work with EPA and other stakeholders to develop regulations that improve air quality.

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