



# Statement

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## ACC SUPPORTS FINAL EPA OZONE STANDARDS

**WASHINGTON (December 23, 2020)** – *The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement in response to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) final rule retaining the primary and secondary ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) without revision as first set by the Obama administration in 2015.*

“ACC supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)’s final rule retaining the primary and secondary ozone NAAQS without revision. EPA’s decision reflects the analysis highlighted in the supporting policy and science assessments that the current standards of 70 parts per billion (ppb) provide a ‘high level of protection from ozone-related health effects.’

“EPA’s action appropriately retains today’s protective standards while providing regulatory certainty that will enable manufacturers to continue critically-needed production. Chemistry companies support 25 percent of U.S. GDP and make inputs for a variety of products used in the [fight against COVID-19](#). EPA’s final standards will support manufacturing investment and jobs by helping to ensure timely and efficient facility operations around the country.”

ACC member companies have implemented a variety of measures to reduce emissions. Between 2000 and 2017, Responsible Care® companies [reduced](#) hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions by 44 percent. Between 2008 and 2018, ACC members [reduced](#) sulfur oxide (SOx) emissions by 67 percent and nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions by 43 percent.”

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