ACC URGES SENATE TO CONFIRM EPA ADMINISTRATOR NOMINEE

WASHINGTON (January 16, 2019) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement in support of Andrew Wheeler’s nomination to serve as the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:

“We urge the Senate to confirm Acting Administrator Wheeler’s nomination to serve as the administrator of EPA without delay. His confirmation will provide the American people and the regulated community with more certainty and confidence in the agency’s ability to continue meeting its mission of protecting human health and the environment, including the ongoing implementation of the 2016 amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act as Congress envisioned.

“Mr. Wheeler’s considerable experience in the environmental field, his past public service to our nation in the legislative and executive branches and his ongoing service as acting administrator of EPA make him an excellent choice to continue leading the agency.”

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