



# Statement

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## ACC Welcomes 2012 Chemical Data Reporting Information

WASHINGTON (February 11, 2013) – *The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today released its 2012 Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) information, which includes use and exposure data on more than 7,600 chemicals in commerce.*

*The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement:*

“We welcome the release of the 2012 CDR data to help the EPA and the public better understand how chemicals are manufactured and used in commerce. Like previous chemical data reporting released to the public, this information will give EPA a clearer picture of how chemicals are used in commercial and consumer products, including in products intended for use by children. ACC supports EPA’s efforts in the CDR to improve how EPA collects chemical information and releases it to the public. We also support the Agency’s efforts to prioritize chemicals in commerce for further review.

“ACC worked closely with EPA and offered constructive comments to enhance how the Agency collects and disseminates information under the CDR rule. We believe these enhancements, along with other recommendations ACC has submitted to EPA, can improve the quality of the Agency’s decision making about chemicals under TSCA and with it, the public’s confidence in the chemical regulatory system.”

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*The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®, common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues, and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a \$760 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is the largest exporting sector in the U.S., accounting for 12 percent of U.S. exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.*

