



Statement

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ACC WELCOMES EPA PROPOSED OZONE RULE

WASHINGTON (July 13, 2020) – *The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today issued the following statement in response to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) proposed rule to retain the primary and secondary ozone NAAQS without revision as first set by the Obama administration in 2015.*

“We welcome EPA’s proposed decision and are pleased that the Agency properly considered the scientific record and the recommendations of the majority of Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee members to retain the ozone NAAQS at the level of 70 parts per billion (ppb). EPA’s decision recognizes the analysis highlighted in the supporting policy and science assessments that the current standards provide a “high level of protection from ozone-related health effects” and that newly available evidence does not call into question the adequacy of the current standards.

“As such, EPA’s proposed decision appropriately retains the existing protective standards while preserving the manufacturing sector’s ability to continue critical economic production, especially during this time. Importantly, EPA’s decision will provide the U.S. Business of Chemistry—an industry sector responsible for more than 25 percent of U.S. GDP—much needed regulatory certainty.

“We look forward to reviewing the proposed rule in more detail and plan to submit formal comments to the Agency. Finalizing this rule in the coming months will help maintain manufacturing investment and jobs by ensuring continued timely and efficient facility operation around the country, critical today more than ever.”

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