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ACC WELCOMES SUPREME COURT RULING IN GREENHOUSE GAS CASE

WASHINGTON (June 23, 2014) – *American Chemistry Council (ACC) President and CEO Cal Dooley responded today to a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court regarding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from industrial facilities using the Clean Air Act’s Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting program:*

“We are pleased the Court agrees that only facilities emitting above threshold amounts of a conventional pollutant trigger PSD permitting requirements. Once PSD is triggered, such facilities must control emissions of conventional pollutants as well as GHGs. ACC has advanced this statutory interpretation from the very beginning of this litigation.

“We are glad the Court corrected EPA’s misreading of the Clean Air Act, which even the Agency conceded would lead to ‘absurd results.’

“Our recommended approach may be the least disruptive to EPA’s established regulatory programs. Today’s ruling preserves EPA’s ability to regulate GHGs from mobile sources, but will prevent the Agency from sweeping thousands of small businesses and factories into the PSD permitting program.”

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