ACC TO HONOR SENATOR VITTER WITH DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Sept. 13, 2011) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) today will honor Senator David Vitter with ACC’s Distinguished Leadership Award for advancing public policies that support innovation and job creation by America’s chemistry industry.

“As an ally and leading voice on behalf of the chemistry industry, Senator Vitter has championed congressional initiatives that drive job creation and economic growth in the state of Louisiana and nationwide,” said Cal Dooley, ACC President and CEO. “His strong leadership preserves our industry’s ability to innovate and compete with global markets, and it is an honor to present the Senator with this award on behalf of ACC’s members.”

As a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Senator Vitter oversees many issues that are important to the chemistry industry, including regulatory reform and securing America’s energy future.

“Senator Vitter has been a champion of regulatory reform, supporting fundamental changes to the rulemaking process and advocating for quality science as the basis of rules,” Dooley added. “As a tireless opponent of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) efforts to reconsider and lower the national ambient air quality standard for ozone, Senator Vitter played an integral role in keeping Louisiana and many other communities across the country open for business.”

Senator Vitter has also been a vocal advocate of domestic oil and gas production, including the production of natural gas from shale, an economic engine that can transform America’s energy security and revitalize its manufacturing sector, leading to hundreds of thousands of new jobs and a more competitive economy.

“I am honored to receive this award from one of America’s largest and most innovative industries,” said Senator Vitter. “The chemistry industry provides over 22,000 Louisianians with good-paying jobs and employs hundreds of thousands more across the country. This award serves as a welcome reminder of the important role that America’s chemistry industry plays in creating jobs and helping our country reach its energy security and environmental goals. I thank you for your continued support.”

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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 $720 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is one of the nation’s largest exporters, accounting for ten cents out of every dollar in 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.