ACC WELCOMES DIALOGUE BETWEEN INDUSTRY, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND GOVERNMENT GROUPS TO ADDRESS CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

BALTIMORE, MD (March 30, 2010) – Today, more than 300 people from organizations representing chemical manufacturers, environmental and public health advocates, regulators, and consumer product goods companies came together at the GlobalChem Conference and Expo to explore enhancing current federal chemical management policies. Speaking at a panel on Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Modernization, American Chemistry Council (ACC) President and CEO, Cal Dooley, stated:

“Our highest priority is public health and safety. Americans deserve to have confidence that the products they buy are safe for the uses for which they were designed. Chemical products are fundamental to our modern way of life, from the clothes we wear to the medicines that keep us healthy to the products that enable additional sources of energy and greater energy efficiency.

“While TSCA has been protective of public health and the environment, we recognize that more can be done to harness the advances made in science and technology over the past three decades. We are committed to developing a new comprehensive chemical management law that puts the safety of the American consumer first, while ensuring the innovation that will lead to the development of essential new consumer products and high-paying American jobs. ACC and its members welcome Congressional activities to modernize TSCA and are working with stakeholders, Congress and the Administration to make reform a reality.

“Paramount to the success of a comprehensive legislative proposal is the ability to discuss ideas and concepts in a transparent fashion and allow for meaningful discussion by all key stakeholder groups. Today’s conference is another step in the right direction. We look forward to continuing our work with colleagues in industries that rely on our products, environmental, labor and consumer advocacy groups and the government to develop a new approach to chemicals management that is first in class.”

For more than twenty years, the GlobalChem Conference and Expo has provided a unique educational opportunity for chemical industry professionals by providing attendees with information and interaction with experts on timely chemical regulatory developments, emerging issues and trends in the product stewardship arena and international regulations.
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 $689 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.