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ACC's Responsible Care® and AWO's Responsible Carrier Programs Extend Environmental, Health, Safety and Security Cooperation

ARLINGTON, VA (May 20, 2010) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) and American Waterways Operators (AWO) today signed a three-year extension of their 2006 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to promote environmental, health, safety and security performance through ACC's Responsible Care® and AWO's Responsible Carrier Programs.

The MOA extends cooperation and collaboration and provides Responsible Care Partner companies in the marine (barge) sector the option of using the Responsible Carrier audit system to meet their Responsible Care certification requirements. With a volume of approximately 70 million tons, chemicals account for roughly nine percent of total barge traffic.

Since the original MOA was signed, all eligible Responsible Care Partner companies within the Marine Sector have used the agreement to meet their obligations for both the Responsible Carrier Program and Responsible Care, saving them time and money while promoting best practices that protect waterways and the surrounding communities.

“Today's agreement affirms the commitment of both ACC and AWO to protect the environment, public health and the safety of the men and women who transport our products on America's waterways,” said ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley. “Effective product stewardship must extend throughout the value chain, and this MOA exemplifies how ACC works with our partners to achieve this goal and protect the nation's rivers and harbors.”

AWO President & CEO Thomas Allegretti noted, “By recognizing areas of consistency and overlap between these two programs, we reduce resource requirements, create the best value for AWO and ACC members and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of both programs, contributing to an increased level of safety and environmental protection for the nation.”

Responsible Care is ACC's health, safety, environmental, and security performance improvement initiative that extends continuous improvement efforts beyond the facility fence line to include the entire value chain.. For more information, visit us online at www.responsiblecare-us.com.

The Responsible Carrier Program incorporates best industry practices in company management policies, vessel equipment and human factors, and has been recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard and shipper organizations.

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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 \$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.

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The American Waterways Operators is the national trade association representing the owners and operators of tugboats, towboats, and barges serving the waterborne commerce of the United States. Its mission is to promote the long term economic soundness of the industry, and to enhance the industry's ability to provide safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible transportation, through advocacy, public information, and the establishment of safety standards.