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APPALACHIA-TO-TEXAS PIPELINE FOR NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS BEGINS OPERATING

*New Infrastructure Will Facilitate Delivery of Energy Feedstock for
U.S. Chemical Industry*

WASHINGTON (January 14, 2014) – The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement in response to an [announcement](#) by Enterprise Products Partners L.P. that the process of injecting ethane into the Appalachia-to-Texas Express (“ATEX”) pipeline has begun. Commercial service is expected to start this month.

“The Appalachia-to-Texas Express pipeline is exciting news for America’s chemical industry and U.S. manufacturers. By connecting Marcellus-produced ethane to petrochemical facilities along the Gulf Coast, it removes a significant ‘bottleneck’ in delivery of natural gas-derived feedstock. More robust and secure supplies will help ensure chemistry’s continued expansion and investment in the U.S.

“The ATEX pipeline is an example of the new infrastructure America needs in order to take full advantage of the shale gas revolution. We urge lawmakers to support legislation such as the Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act (H.R. 1900), introduced by Congressman Pompeo, that would make it easier to get energy from where it is produced to manufacturers who need it.

“The 1,230-mile ATEX pipeline originates in Pennsylvania and ends at Enterprise’s Mont Belvieu, Texas complex. It will link ethane produced in the Marcellus/Utica Shale areas of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio to ethylene production facilities in the Gulf Coast, according to the company.”

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working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.

