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CHEMICAL INDUSTRY ADDRESSES CYBER SECURITY AT SENATE HEARING

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 17, 2010) – The American Chemistry Council issued the following statement in advance of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) Oversight Hearing that may be attributed to ACC’s Senior Director of Security, Bill Erny:

“We are glad to see that Congress remains committed to cyber security and is taking it as seriously as our members do. As cyber threats continue to evolve in complexity and sophistication, our members are proactively improving information sharing between industry executives and government officials, enhancing control systems, and developing best practices to prepare and respond to cyber threats.

“ACC members have helped lead the way in effort to enhance security at chemical facilities including cyber security long before federal government regulations were put in place. For example, ACC member companies have invested more than $8 billion since 2001 to enhance facility security under ACC’s Responsible Care Security Code, which has since become the gold standard for the industry and a model for regulatory programs.”

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