

**Regulatory Updates**  
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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

--PCA International Conference, 9/17-19/2023, Dublin Ireland

--NSC Safety Southern Conference & Expo, 10/23-26/2023, New Orleans LA

## SAFETY

**OSHA Rules that are Undergoing Change** - Here's an update on some pending final rules and some in the proposed and pre-rule stage that could affect our industry. Two rules of note in the final rule stage are Injury Reporting and Hazard Communication. Rules in the proposed and pre-rule stages covering heat illness prevention, prevention of workplace violence in health care, and process safety management (PSM) and prevention of major chemical accidents are worthy of note. Read the full article [here](#). (Safety News Alert, Merriell Moyer, 6/14/2023.)

**Recent News Releases from the Chemical Safety Board** – Here are links to some recent news releases from the CSB that are germane to our industry. (csb.gov)

- [CSB Releases Final Report on 2020 Fatal Propylene Release and Explosion at Watson Grinding](#) (Accidental release of propylene from a degraded and poorly crimped rubber welding hose.)
- [CSB Releases Final Report into Fatal Chemical Release at Wacker Polysilicon Facility in TN](#) (Hydrogen Chloride release.)
- [CSB Releases New Safety Video on Explosion and Fire at the Husky Superior Refinery in Wisconsin](#) (Explosion and fire during a maintenance turnaround.)

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## ENVIRONMENT

**EPA’s Proposed Ban on Perchloroethylene for Dry Cleaning and Other Uses** - “The use of a mainstay of the dry-cleaning industry – perchloroethylene – may be coming to an end. On June 16, 2023, EPA [proposed](#) to ban, under the Toxic Substance Control Act’s Section 6(a) authority, most uses of perchloroethylene (PCE) and establish a workplace chemical protection program (WCCP) for uses not prohibited by the rule (Proposed Rule). PCE is a widely used solvent that, along with utilization in dry cleaning, is also used in fluorinated compound production, petroleum manufacturing and degreasing. Consumer uses include adhesives, paints and coatings, and stainless-steel polish.” Read the full article [here](#). (Lexology, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP - Susan H. Richardson, 6/26/2023.)

**EPA Announces 2024 CDR Deadlines** – Mark your calendars. “On June 22, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that the 2024 submission period for the Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule is from June 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024. [88 Fed. Reg. 40816](#). The CDR rule requires manufacturers (including importers) of chemical substances on the TSCA Inventory above an applicable regulatory threshold to report to EPA, every four years, information concerning the manufacturing, processing, and use of such chemical substances, unless exempt from this requirement under the CDR rule. For the 2024 submission period, manufacturers (including importers) are subject to the reporting requirements based on manufacturing (including importing) activities conducted during the calendar years 2020 through 2023.” Read the full article [here](#). (Lexology, Bergeson & Campbell PC - Lynn L. Bergeson and Carla N. Hutton, 6/22/2023.)

**EPA Proposes to Amend GHG Reporting Rule** – “On May 22, 2023, EPA published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend specific provisions in the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule to improve the quality and consistency of the rule by providing for the collection of improved data that would better inform and be relevant to a wide variety of CAA provisions that EPA carries out. [88 Fed. Reg. 32852](#). EPA proposed additional amendments to the GHG Reporting Rule, including updates to the General Provisions to reflect revised global warming potentials, and proposed to require reporting of GHG data from additional sectors -- specifically energy consumption; coke calcining; ceramics production; calcium carbide production; and caprolactam, glyoxal, and glyoxylic acid production. Comments are due July 21, 2023.” (Lexology, Bergeson & Campbell PC, 6/15/2023.)

**Updates to the Oil Spill National Contingency Plan** - On May 31, 2023, EPA finalized product listing and authorization of use requirements under Subpart J of the [National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan](#) for chemical or biological agents when responding to oil spills. The final rule goes into effect on December 11, 2023. (epa.gov)

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## SECURITY

### **ACC Welcomes Senate Bill to Save Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards –**

“American Chemistry Council welcomes the introduction of bipartisan legislation by U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI), Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Tom Carper (D-DE), and James Lankford (R-OK) to extend the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program, which is set to expire on July 27th. ACC and its members are long-time supporters of CFATS because it is critical to the security of our industry and the nation. Passing the Senate bill will provide much needed regulatory certainty for CFATS, which will help support the chemical industry’s ongoing investments into enhancing security.” Read the full press release [here](#). (americanchemistry.org, 6/23/2023.)

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