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HSIA DISAPPOINTED WITH EPA'S PROPOSED BAN OF CONSUMER, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL USES OF METHYLENE CHLORIDE

HSIA's members are committed to the safe use of methylene chloride and have always recommended that users take appropriate precautions, such as the use of personal protective equipment, when using the product.

HSIA is disappointed that EPA is proposing to prohibit many important uses on the assumption that such users will not be able to meet the proposed existing chemical exposure level (ECEL). HSIA believes that all users of methylene chloride should be able to continue to use the product if they can establish and comply with a Workplace Chemical Protection Program to meet the ECEL and ensure worker safety.

In addition, EPA asserts that alternatives are available in many uses where it has been established that there are no safe and effective alternatives. This may result in unnecessary disruption across American industry, particularly affecting small businesses that rely on methylene chloride for paint stripping and degreasing.