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## **HSIA IS DISAPPOINTED WITH EPA'S DECISION TO BAN USES OF TRICHLOROETHYLENE**

HSIA is disappointed that EPA has decided to ban all uses of trichloroethylene (TCE), even though there are industrial uses that are vitally important in this economy.

EPA's risk evaluation reflects an approach that does not use the best available science in spite of the Lautenberg Act's mandate. EPA's own Scientific Advisory Committee on Chemicals raised concerns with the science used by the Agency in the evaluation.

EPA's proposed exposure limit, or ECEL, of 1 or 4 ppb is unrealistic, does not reflect current industrial hygiene practices, nor the very effective use of personal protective equipment and would effectively be a ban.

EPA's proposed comment period of 45 days verses the usual 60 days is an unrealistic time frame for an effective response from industry and we would request that it be modified.