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CSI VISITS COLUMBUS FOR
NACD LEGISLATION INITIATIVE

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Attending at the Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio were Terri Shimensky (top right) and Blaine Davidson (bottom right) from Chemical Solvents, Inc.

RESPONSIBLE DISTRIBUTION LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR OHIO

Chemical Solvents, Inc. recently participated in a group effort to create legislative language recognizing Responsible Distribution as a proactive step to environmental compliance in Ohio with the Ohio EPA. The group met at the Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio to create incentive for companies not participating in a program to engage in Responsible Distribution or similar programs.

The group wants to recognize Responsible Distribution either through new legislation or a Resolution as a "Program for providing compliance and pollution prevention assistance to regulated entities" under Ohio EPA Authority.

The Ohio EPA and the State of Ohio would benefit through broader participation in proactive compliance programs, potential

growth of the Ohio EPA's Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) program and create an open line of communication to key chemical distribution facilities in Ohio.

Responsible Distribution participants would gain recognition of the active steps NACD members have already taken to ensure environmental compliance and open lines of communication with Ohio EPA staff. Participants would also receive assistance with compliance requirements and have the ability to build proactive relationships with key policy makers in Ohio.

THE GOAL

TO ACHIEVE PASSAGE OF
LEGISLATION IN THE **SPRING 2016!**



POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM

Pending Government Mandated Changes May Impact TIH Rail Shipments

In October of 2008, Congress enacted the Rail Safety Improvement Act which required all Class I railroads to install an inter-operable Positive Train Control (PTC) System which carry passengers or toxic-by-inhalation (TIH) materials by December 31, 2015. This system is designed to automatically stop or slow a train before certain accidents including: Train to train collisions, derailments caused by excessive speed, unauthorized incursions by trains onto tracks being repaired and movement of a train thru a track switch left in the wrong position.

When US rail freight companies threatened to shut down chemical shipments because they would be unable to implement new rail safety technology on time, the chemical industry sounded the alarm. Without an extension beyond the December 31st deadline, chemical transport by train across the US would likely have ended on much of the nation's rail network in January 2016. But the immediate danger of such a calamity appears over.

The President signed a highway bill in October that provides passenger and freight railroads with three more years to install the automated PTC system.

Had the PTC deadline not been postponed, rail companies would have faced significant liability if they kept operating past the end of this year, including any accidents occurring with TIH materials. TIH chemicals include chlorine, anhydros ammonia and hydrogen fluoride, which are all used in consumer and industrial goods and processes.

The PTC extension pushes the required date for implementation to December 31st 2018. The new law also allows for an additional two-year extension if certain benchmarks are met.

"It means we no longer have to worry about regulator induced shut down of freight and rail service," says Scott Jensen, a spokesperson for the American Chemistry Council (ACC). "The regulatory issue has been resolved for now."



CSI COMPANY PICNIC AT CEDAR POINT

This past Summer the employees of CSI and their families took a break and headed to the "Roller Coaster Capital of the World", Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. In between the thrills and chills they met for a picnic together. As you can see everyone enjoyed the beautiful day came home with smiles. No matter if they were riding every roller coaster in the park, enjoying Planet Snoopy with the little ones or getting soaked on the water rides a great time was had by all!

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