WASHINGTON, D.C. – "AFPM joins other industry groups and the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee in support of the EPA's proposal to retain current health and environment air quality standards. The United States has made incredible progress on reducing emissions, while continuing to deliver the essential fuel and petrochemical products that serve as the backbone of the global economy. Since 2000, PM_{2.5} concentrations have dropped 39 percent, contributing to a nearly 75 percent decrease in combined pollutant emissions over the last 50 years. This proposal to maintain the standards will continue this progress and contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment."

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