

May 5, 2003

Ms. Lorraine Hunt
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
NEOB, Room 10202,
725 17th Street, NW.,
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Hunt:

The American Chemistry Council submits the attached comments on the *Draft 2003 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations; Notice*, which was published in the *Federal Register* on February 3, 2003.

The Council comprises the nation's leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. Council members apply the science of chemistry to create innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier, and safer. The Council is also committed to improved environmental, health, and safety performance through its Responsible Care® Program; common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues; and health and environmental research and product testing.

In seeking comment on its draft report, OMB also sought the public's views on a number of extremely important issues pertaining to the practice of risk assessment and the nature of risk management decisions made by federal agencies. OMB also sought comment on its draft revisions to the OMB guidelines for regulatory analysis. I strongly urge OMB to consider these recommendations and to implement those that will best serve the public interest in a strong economy and effective, reasonable health, safety, and environmental regulations.

Should you need additional information on the Council's comments please contact David Clarke of my staff at (703) 741-5160, or via e-mail at (David_Clarke@americanchemistry.com).

Sincerely,

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