WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, amid concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers has made the difficult decision to cancel its Annual Meeting slated to take place March 22-24 in Austin, Texas, and the International Petrochemical Conference scheduled for March 29-31 in New Orleans.

“Nothing is more important to our industries than safety, and in evaluating the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation, it is clear to us that cancelling these meetings is the right course of action to protect the health and safety of our meeting registrants and vendors, our staff, and the Austin and New Orleans communities,” said Chet Thompson, President and CEO of AFPM. “The decision reflects guidance from health officials on limiting potential exposure to the virus, as confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. continue to rise.”

About AFPM’s Annual Meeting and International Petrochemical Conference

AFPM’s Annual Meeting regularly draws more than 1,000 executives, decision-makers, and technical experts from refining businesses, technology providers, contracting and consulting firms, and equipment manufacturers around the world to discuss the most pressing issues facing the refining industry.

The International Petrochemical Conference (IPC) is the world's largest and most prestigious conference representing the petrochemical industry. It draws around 3,000 attendees each year and consists of sessions that emphasize global competitiveness in the petrochemical business and are presented by recognized experts in the areas of petrochemical markets, economics and politics.

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