Today, the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers offered the following statement on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed revision to its Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulation:

> "Safety is the top, immovable priority for every AFPM member. **EPA's existing Risk Management Plan (RMP) is doing what it was designed to do: drive continual safety improvements across workplaces to keep industry employees, contractors, facility neighbors and local environments safe**. Alongside refining and petrochemical industry programs, the RMP is working to make operations safer. Since 2011, there has been nearly a 50% decrease in process safety events at refineries and a nearly 40% reduction at petrochemical facilities.
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> "**Any changes to a regulation as effective as RMP need to be solidly evidence-based**. Unfortunately, **today's proposal is filled with costly and misinformed changes, with little-to-no data to back them up**. In fact, many of the proposed changes will adversely impact the safety and security missions of refining and petrochemical sites. We are particularly concerned with EPA's unwarranted and very expensive requirement intended to **discourage the use of alkylation technology refiners depend on to make cleaner gasoline**. Restricting this technology could have **significant impacts on U.S. gasoline production and stress U.S. fuel supplies**.
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> "AFPM looks forward to providing detailed comments on this proposal."

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