

To all impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma:

The past weeks have been among the most challenging in history for communities along the southeast and Gulf Coasts. The unprecedented rain unleashed by Hurricane Harvey and the devastation brought by Hurricane Irma have damaged the homes and upended the lives of millions of people, including thousands of men and women at the heart of American fuel and petrochemical manufacturing.

These individuals working at refineries and petrochemical plants were integral to developing rigorous preparedness plans to ensure their own safety and that of facilities, their home communities and the environment in the event of a natural disaster. It was these men and women who vigilantly monitored the storm, activated safety protocols, and carefully safeguarded or shut down operations as hurricanes approached.

To ensure the integrity of facilities, some employees rode out the storm on-site — even as their own homes flooded — and worked tirelessly to see that colleagues remained safe or were successfully evacuated. Following the storms, employees continue to offer their support emotionally and financially, even opening their homes to colleagues in need.

In times that can feel increasingly divisive, these storms have reminded us of the interconnectedness of our lives. Every day, women and men in this industry take pride in work that feeds the larger U.S. manufacturing supply chain and enables the travel, transportation and products integral to the American way of life.

Together, we have been resilient in the face of extraordinary circumstances — and the recent hurricanes are no different. As our employees now work to rebuild, and to quickly and safely restore operations and supply chains, they do so with the support and admiration of our entire industry, and with the gratitude of the country. We stand by them and those impacted by the storms.

Sincerely,



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