

2021 POLICY PRIORITIES

The Michigan Chemistry Council (MCC) is the unified voice for Michigan's business of chemistry. Chemistry is one of our state's largest manufacturing sectors, supporting more than 80,000 Michigan jobs and directly impacting more than 96% of all manufactured goods. The MCC's mission is to influence policies that promote and grow a safe, sustainable, and competitive business of chemistry in Michigan.

Ensure the Responsible and Effective Regulation of Chemistry Products

- o **Chemicals Regulation** – The MCC advocates for regulatory policies that are grounded in sound science and risk-based principles, and provide maximal consistency.
- o **Product Codes and Market Access** – The MCC advocates for open product standards, including in construction and infrastructure, that allow full use of advanced materials.

Promote Competitive Manufacturing Policies for the Business of Chemistry

- o **Environmental Stewardship** – The MCC advocates for responsible environmental policies and programs that provide consistency and certainty for Michigan manufacturers. This focus will include:
 - o Climate and carbon policies that maintain competitiveness and allow the business of chemistry to provide climate solutions.
 - o A strong sustainable materials management approach for waste and recycling policies.
 - o An effective science-based response and coherent risk communication regarding emerging contaminants.
 - o Practical cleanup rules and criteria that encourage efficient cleanups of legacy sites.
 - o Effective state air and water permitting programs.
- o **Energy Competitiveness** – The MCC advocates for policies to help achieve competitive energy supplies for Michigan ratepayers. The MCC supports competitive electric markets and accommodating capacity oversight, improved industrial energy management options, cost-of-service rates, strong regulatory oversight of utilities, fuel-neutral energy policies, and increased import capacity. The MCC also supports the development of responsible energy infrastructure that safeguards our natural resources.
- o **Safety and Security** – The MCC advocates for policies and investments that promote the critical safety and security interests of the business of chemistry.
- o **Workforce Development** – The MCC advocates for resources and policies, including increased career exploration and skilled trades opportunities, to help develop the next generation of talent.

Advance Practical Policies to Allow Safe and Successful Operations

- o **Critical Infrastructure** – The MCC advocates for state and local governments to recognize and support the continued operations of the chemical industry's critical infrastructure role.
- o **Safe Workplaces** – The MCC advocates for workplace safety policies that utilize evidence-based guidelines and conform to industry operating practices.
- o **Effective Services** – The MCC encourages flexible and effective government services - including permitting, licensing, and compliance – that support business needs.
- o **Legal Certainty** – The MCC supports measures to provide legal certainty to employers that have taken all appropriate safety measures while remaining open for business.

The MCC provides strong leadership on industry-critical issues, and will work closely with legislators, regulators, and other stakeholders to achieve constructive outcomes.