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# Methylene Chloride/Toxic Substances Control Act: Environmental Labor Organizations File Judicial Petition Challenging U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Risk Decision

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The Sierra Club and a number of other environmental and labor organizations filed a July 16th Petition for Review (“Petition”) addressing a United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) decision under the Toxic Substances Control Act regarding methylene chloride.

The decision challenges EPA’s determination that methylene chloride does not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment under certain conditions of use.

The other organizations joining in the Petition include:

- Neighbors for Environmental Justice
- New Jersey Work Environment Council
- United Steel
- Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO
- Natural Resources Defense Council

The Petition includes a challenge to EPA’s:

... declining to consider certain uses and pathways through which members of Petitioners are exposed and face risks of exposure to methylene chloride.

Referenced in the Petition is a:

Notice of availability for the final risk evaluation and order for methylene chloride ( 85 Fed. Reg. 37,942)

The Petition specifically references for purposes of judicial review the final risk evaluation and order.

A copy of the Petition can be downloaded [here](#).