



YEAR IN REVIEW

2024



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INTRODUCTION



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As we reflect on the past year, SOCMA is proud to highlight our significant achievements in government relations and advocacy on behalf of our members in the specialty and fine chemical sector. In 2024, we worked tirelessly to advance the interests of our membership, forging stronger connections with policymakers, addressing key regulatory challenges, and ensuring that the voice of our industry was heard on Capitol Hill and beyond.

As we turn our focus to 2025, SOCMA is energized by the opportunities presented by a new Congress and administration. We are committed to expanding our advocacy efforts, deepening relationships with key stakeholders, and leveraging our expertise to navigate a dynamic political landscape. Together, we will work to ensure that the specialty chemical industry continues to thrive, supporting national priorities and economic growth.

From championing policies that foster innovation and competitiveness to providing critical updates and resources on evolving regulations, 2024 saw SOCMA deliver meaningful results for members. Through robust engagement with federal agencies and direct outreach to legislators, we have strengthened the foundation for future success.

As the Chair of SOCMA's Advocacy Committee, we look forward to amplifying our engagement with policymakers in 2025, advancing legislative priorities, and delivering even greater value to our industry. Thank you for your continued trust and support as we embark on this next chapter of impactful advocacy.



Adam Pingel

Vice President of Global Supply Chain and Manufacturing
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Chair, SOCMA Advocacy Committee

2024 | HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 14TH

In a press conference, SOCMA President and CEO Jennifer Abril joins with representatives of Congress, the National Security Council, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, calling for the reinstatement of the CFATS program.

JANUARY 21ST

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works holds a hearing on the Toxic Substances Control Act with a focus on EPA's failure to complete reviews of new chemical submissions in the congressionally mandated timeframe.

JANUARY 25TH

SOCMA and members of the Health and Safety Committee meets with the White House on the Hazard Communication Standard.

APRIL 1ST

SOCMA signs letter to House and Senate leadership illuminating the problems in EPA's proposed Risk Management Program Rule.

MAY 7TH

House Committee on Energy & Commerce holds a hearing on EPA's proposed Risk Management Program Rule.

MAY 10TH

SOCMA and co-petitioners sue EPA on the Risk Management Program rule.

JUNE 11TH

SOCMA's Board of Governors meets with Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works to discuss challenges facing the industry including bringing new chemicals to market through EPA's New Chemicals Review Program under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

JUNE 11TH

SOCMA's Board of Governors meets with the House of Representatives, Committee on Energy & Commerce for a dialogue about challenges with TSCA, EPA's Risk Management Program rule, and reauthorization of the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards.

JUNE 13TH

SOCMA staff meets with the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative to advocate for the reinstatement of a fair and transparent exclusion process for Section 301 tariffs.

JULY 15TH

SOCMA Advocacy Committee members meets with the White House on EPA's proposed TSCA Procedural rule.

JULY 22ND

SOCMA staff meets with Speaker of the House Mike Johnson's staff to discuss the Speaker's legislative priorities for the remainder of the 118th Congress.

OCTOBER 29TH

SOCMA Board of Governor's meets with the Department of Commerce, Deputy Assistant Secretary Tyler Beckelman related to supply chain challenges hampering the industry.

DECEMBER 10TH

SOCMA staff meets with OSHA Administrator Doug Parker to discuss the transition to the new administration.

DECEMBER 12TH

SOCMA staff meets with the legislative and policy team of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to discuss their outlook on the "lame duck" session.

2024 | BY THE NUMBERS



SOCMA SAVED MEMBER COMPANIES APPROXIMATELY 1,135 HOURS AND \$97,500 ON REGULATORY ANALYSIS AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE.

IN 2024, SOCMA:

Actively educated lawmakers and regulators

on **4** Policy Areas

Held **2** White House Meetings with SOCMA members

Sent **20+** Letters to Congress and the Administration

Issued **6** Regulatory and Legislative Updates

Met with **60+** Congressional Offices

Convened **5** Town Halls

Lobbied **14+** Federal Agencies

Tracked **25+** Policy Issues

Held **20+** Committee Meetings

Issued **3** Member Alerts

Published **21** Blog Articles

MEDIA MENTIONS

SPECIALTY CHEMICAL MAGAZINE – EPA bans most uses of methylene chloride [May 13, 2024]

// Trade association SOCMA commented that it and its members had succeeded in securing some of these [uses], notably the information necessary to justify using MCL as a processing aid and in closed-loop systems and an extended compliance timeframe in the WCPP. The final rule includes a de minimis threshold of 0.1%, which was not included in the initial proposed rule. //

SUPPLY CHAIN DIVE – Days of a port strike could mean weeks of manufacturing delays [Sep. 30, 2024]

// It's not like each day is an isolated incident," Helminiak said. "Each day compounds the 100% 100% 100% 100% problem, because it's going to compound port backups. It's going to compound the other hiccups in supply chains. //

MEMBER | ADVOCACY

Thank you to the member companies who joined SOCMA in advocating for the specialty chemical industry in 2024.

— JANUARY 21, 2024

Sedra Beckman of CJB Industries, Nicole Serafin of LBB Specialties, and Kacee Hedrick of Colonial Chemical met with the White House's Office of Management and Budget to discuss OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard.

— MARCH 13, 2024

Brian Burkhart of Milliken participated in a stakeholder meeting to advocate for reauthorization of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard (CFATS).

— MAY 7, 2024

Sedra Beckman of CJB Industries participated in a National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) meeting on OSHA's forthcoming Heat Illness Standard.

— JUNE 11, 2024

SOCMA's Board of Governors met with the House Energy & Commerce Committee and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to discuss challenges and potential reforms to the TSCA program.

— JULY 17, 2024

Rich Preziotti of Boulder Scientific, Allison Betancourt of Colonial Chemical, Brian Burkhart of Milliken and Alan Dyke of ProChem met with the White House's Office of Management and Budget to discuss the adverse effects of EPA's proposed changes to the procedures governing the TSCA New Chemicals program.

— OCTOBER 1, 2024

Adam Pingel of Monument Chemical, and Philip McCarter of Nation Ford Chemical met with the Assistance Secretary of Commerce to discuss the impacts of the East Coast and Gulf Coast port strikes on the industry.



SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to the members of SOCMA's Advocacy Committee who regularly participate in meetings with House and Senate offices to educate them on the uniqueness of the specialty chemical industry and the challenges faced by SOCMA members.

Adam Pingel (Chair), Monument Chemical
Alan Dyke (Vice Chair), FAR Chemical
Jeff Barnes, NASi
David Bacon, Halocarbon Products Corporation
Brian Burkhardt, Milliken & Company
Kurt Jones, Iofina Chemical
Rich Preziotti, Boulder Scientific Company
Jean Yoho, Sun Chemical Corporation
Dave Mielke, ChemDesign