



ADVOCATING FOR
SPECIALTIES:

2024

OUTLOOK &
ISSUES RECAP



SOCMA Advocacy Committee

Adam Pingel

Vice President, Manufacturing Operations
Monument Chemical
Chair, SOCMA Advocacy Committee
Secretary, SOCMA Board of Governors

YOUR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM



Robert F. Helminiak
Vice President, Legal & Government Relations



Genevieve Strand
Director, Government Relations



Nick Natz
Coordinator, Government Relations

- Legislative and Regulatory Town Hall Series

APRIL 4 -
MAY 2



- Lael Brainard, Director of the National Economic Council at the White House

JUNE 1



- Jeff Zients, White House Chief of Staff

JUNE 22



- SOCMA Advocacy Committee inaugural congressional

SEPTEMBER 8



- OSHA panel on Heat Injury and Illness Prevention

SEPTEMBER 12



- White House meeting on EPA's Risk Management Program

OCTOBER 18



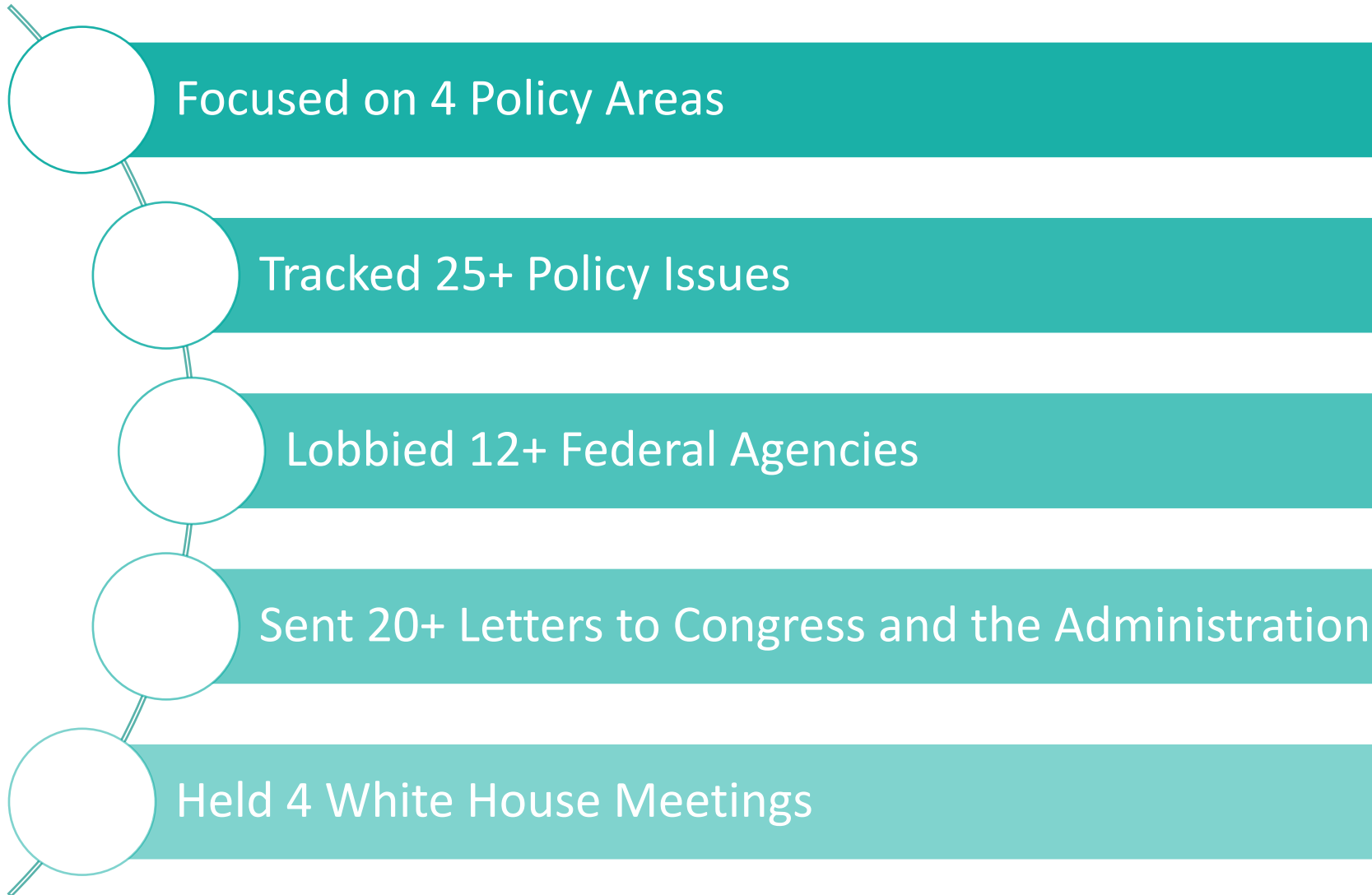
- Katherine Tai, U.S Trade Representative

NOVEMBER 28



2023

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- Launched 5 New Committees
- Held 15 Committee Meetings
- Issued 3 Member Alerts
- Published 16 Blog Articles
- Issued 8 Regulatory and Legislative Updates
- Convened 6 Town Halls

DELIVERING VALUE

SOCMA SAVED **1,000 HOURS AND
\$45,000 PER MEMBER COMPANY** ON
REGULATORY ANALYSIS AND
COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE.



COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURE



Advocacy

Chair – Adam Pingel, Monument Chemical
Vice - Alan Dyke, ProChem Inc.
Staff – Robert F. Helminiak



Trade, Tax and Supply Chain
Chair - Jean Yoho, Sun Chemical
Staff – Genevieve Strand



Chemical Regulations
Chair – Allison Betancourt, Colonial Chemical
Staff – Robert F. Helminiak



Health & Safety

Chair – Sedra Beckman, CJB
Vice – Arielle Golod, Polysciences
Staff – Sarah Williams



Environment

Chair – Bill Atkins, Ascensus Specialties
Vice – Norman Guest, Halocarbon
Staff – Genevieve Strand

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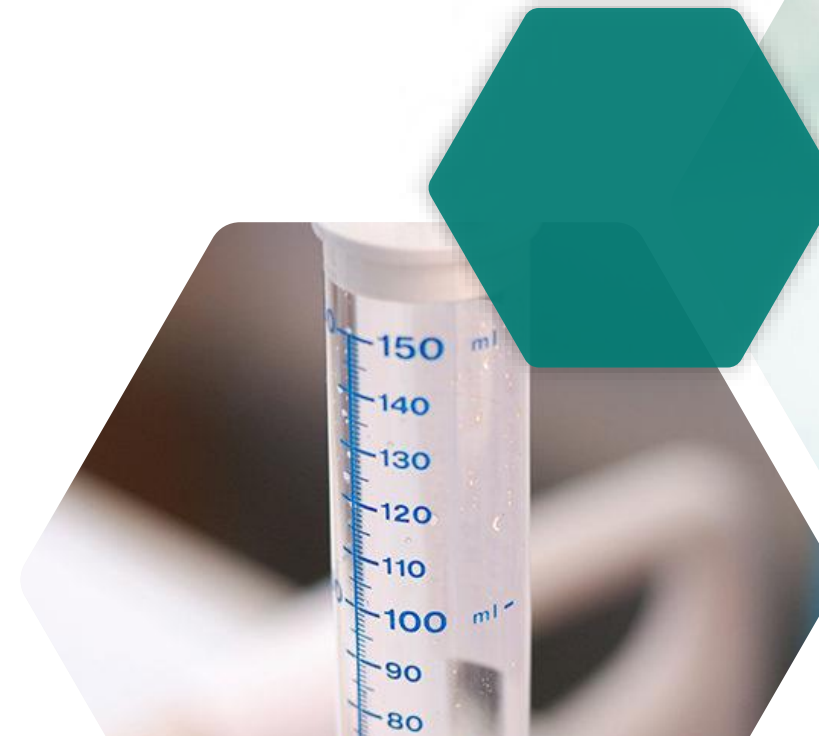
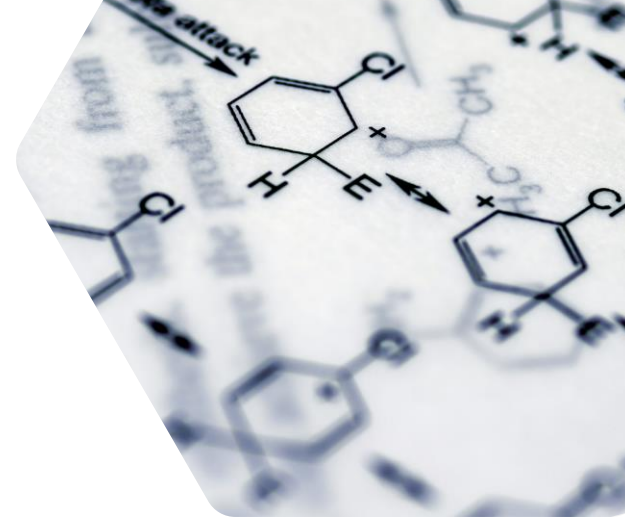
COMMITTEES



2024 PRIORITY ISSUES

- **Why It Matters:** EPA's perpetual slowdowns make it difficult for SOCMA members to commercialize new products and to meet customer expectations.
- **Business Impact:** SOCMA is seeking to improve the procedures and timelines for new chemical reviews, and to support process changes that promote efficacy.

TSCA NEW CHEMICALS





- **Why It Matters:** EPA is also completing prioritization, risk evaluation and if necessary, risk management for existing chemicals using a “whole chemical” approach, resulting in broad bans on chemical uses.
- **Business Impact:** EPA data evaluation is not transparent and SOCMA is working to ensure EPA uses accurate and complete information when analyzing chemicals.

EXISTING CHEMICALS (TSCA)



Strengthening U.S. Competitiveness

- **Why It Matters:** The lapse of programs like the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) and Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) reduce the global competitiveness of US specialty chemical manufacturers
- **Business Impact:** SOCMA advocates for restoring MTB and GSP and reopening a fair and transparent exclusion process for the Section 301 tariffs.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (RMP)

- **Why it Matters:** The proposed rule would expand compliance requirements, increasing costs and staff time, with difficult to complete audit and the risk of significant security breaches with information disclosure requirements.
- **Business Impact:** SOCMA's goal is to ensure that the RMP rule does not create subjective standards, misuse resources that can be applied to process safety improvements or create facility security risks.



Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standard (CFATS)

- **Why It Matters:** With the lapse of CFATS, companies who manufacture high-risk chemicals have lost a regulatory structure that includes security requirements and provides tools to companies to address a wide range of terrorist threats.
- **Business Impact:** SOCMA will continue to engage lawmakers to explain the importance of this program to the security of our companies and the citizens of the United States.



- **Why It Matters:** This rule will mandate changes to the labelling and handling of all hazardous material, requiring SOCMA members to change labels and the labeling process, while providing better options related to small package labeling.
- **Business Impact:** SOCMA will continue to engage and educate OSHA and the White House on the update , supporting changes to small package labeling and educating OSHA on potential unintended consequences.



OSHA HazCom Standard

OTHER ISSUES

- OSHA Emergency Response
- OSHA Heat Illness Standard
- OSHA Process Safety Management (PSM)
- OSHA Lockout/Tagout
- R&D Tax Credit Restoration
- Trade Promotion Authority





HOW TO GET INVOLVED

SOCMA Government Relations Events

Committee Calls

- Trade, Tax & Supply Chain: Jan. 23, 2PM ET
- Environment: Feb. 14, 2PM ET
- Health & Safety: April 10, 2PM ET
- Chemical Regulations: February (TBA)

Virtual Policy Summit

- Thu, Apr. 4, 11AM ET
- Thu. Apr. 11, 11AM ET
- Thu. Apr. 18, 11AM ET
- Thu. Apr. 25, 11AM ET

MARK **YOUR**
CALENDARS

Commercial Connections for the
Specialty and Custom Chemical Industry

REGISTER FOR THE SOCMA SHOW

JW Marriott Nashville
February 19-21



SOCMA SUMMIT

Conference & Annual Meeting

Save the Date

Early November 2023
Location and Date To Be Announced

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