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Press Release

Statement of Executive Director Bill Herz of the National Lime Association (NLA) on EPA's [final rule](#) titled: "*National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Lime Manufacturing Plants*" issued on July 16th, 2024.

On June 28, 2024, EPA issued an unnecessary and counterproductive \$2 billion regulation on the lime industry. This regulation contradicts EPA's own scientific assessment which said that emissions from the lime manufacturing industry are already "acceptable with an ample margin of safety." Despite this, the agency's regulation will require the installation of expensive, unproven, and unnecessary controls to address air emissions so minute that the EPA was unable to quantify any monetary benefits from the rule.

In addition, the rule will have a detrimental impact on the environment because it will require some lime plants to increase energy use and install controls that will emit tens of thousands of additional tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere each year. The mandate directly contradicts the administration's policy of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Lime is a chemical without substitute, providing solutions to many of society's environmental problems. It is an important ingredient in many other manufacturing processes and industries. Lime is used in the steel manufacturing process, road building, and the creation of other building products like mortar and plaster. It is also a critical component in environmental compliance for many industries, as it is used to purify water and scrub air pollutants from stack emissions.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL LIME ASSOCIATION

NLA's mission is to represent, protect, and promote the nation's lime industry. NLA accomplishes this by projecting a unified voice responding and working to ensure that legislation, regulations, and standards affecting the industry are reasonable, practical, and mutually beneficial to the industry and society. For more information, visit: <https://www.lime.org/>

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