

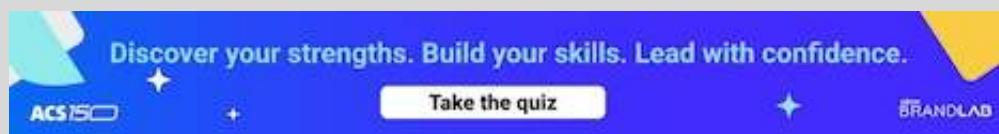
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Dear Caroline,

Another busy week in chemistry reminds us how quickly the landscape around science continues to shift, whether it's policymakers stepping in to support industry, investors rethinking long-standing strategies, or students gearing up for what comes next. In this industry-focused issue, you'll find stories that capture that momentum and highlight how the chemistry community is adapting, innovating, and looking ahead. Read on ...

FEATURES

Europe Ramps Up Support for Chemical Producers

European leaders are moving to shore up the region's struggling chemical sector, pledging regulatory relief and greater backing for low-carbon investments. The European Commission also imposed antidumping duties on ABS, or acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, from South Korea and Taiwan and on 1,4-butanediol (BDO) from China, Saudi Arabia, and the U.S., aiming to counter a surge in low-priced imports.



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BASF has announced plans to expand production of BDO in Germany.

These actions are already influencing industry decisions, with BASF announcing plans to expand BDO production in Germany. Despite this momentum, Europe's chemical capacity has continued to shrink, underscoring the urgency of sustained policy follow-through. [Read more >>>](#)

Tough Market Forces Private Equity to Rethink Chemical Playbook

Private equity's long-favored chemical playbook is shifting as tough market conditions make it harder to sell acquired firms at a profit. Deal sizes are down, hold times are up, and investors are turning to smaller, specialty carve-outs that offer steadier returns in a turbulent industry. [Read more >>>](#)

MORE INDUSTRY NEWS

- [Chemical Industry Promises Another Year of Cutbacks](#)
- [EPA Moves to Rescind Much of a 2024 Chemical Safety Rule](#)
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ACS NEWS

ACS Shares TSCA Reauthorization Recs with Congress

Last week, ACS sent a letter to Congressional leadership sharing recommendations for the possible reauthorization of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), emphasizing the need for safe and sustainable practices informed by scientific and technical expertise. TSCA is a key framework for evaluating chemicals for public health concerns, environmental challenges, and continued scientific innovation.



In our letter, ACS reminded Congressional leaders that effective implementation of TSCA will depend on robust support throughout the research process. The letter is part of ACS' ongoing work to keep lines of communication open and collaborative as policymakers continue to make decisions which impact our members and the chemistry enterprise. [Read the full letter and the rest of our direct advocacy efforts >>>](#)

ACS SPRING 2026

Can't Make it to Atlanta for ACS Spring 2026?



The ACS Spring 2026 Digital Meeting offers the same access to the newest innovations, latest research, and connections with top leaders in the scientific community as the in-person meeting — all for the lowest price possible. Register today for the digital meeting to log in with best in the industry, including the opportunity to livestream the ACS150 Keynote Address featuring, 2025 Chemistry Nobel Prize Awardee, Dr. Omar Yaghi. [Learn more >>>](#)

Workshop Opportunity: Leading Inclusive Teams

Strengthen your leadership skills with Leading Inclusive Teams, offered in-person at ACS Spring 2026 on Tuesday, March 24, 1-5 p.m.ET.

Using research-backed frameworks — including Carol Dweck’s growth vs. fixed mindset and Bruce Tuckman’s team development model — you’ll explore the social and cognitive forces that shape team dynamics and collaboration. Attendees will gain practical strategies to build inclusive, high performing teams. Add this workshop to your ACS Spring registration today and level up your leadership skills. [Learn more >>>](#)



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A Simple Planner to Jump-Start Your Grad School Journey

Are you heading to graduate school? Kick-start your journey with a streamlined planner designed to make the process clearer and more manageable. It includes an easy-to-follow timeline, guidance from chemistry professionals on how to stand out, and practical tools for crafting strong statements and recommendation letters. [Learn more >>>](#)

Strategies for Thriving Through Career Disruption

Career disruption doesn't have to derail your path. Instead, it can redefine it. From 2 to 3 p.m. on March 5, the ACS Women Chemists Committee will host "Navigating Career Disruption: Reframe, Adapt, and Reengineer," a free webinar featuring industry leaders discussing strategies for staying flexible, building support networks, and turning challenges into opportunities. Speakers from Pan-African Chemistry Network (PAC), International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), and Dow will share real-world insights on navigating transitions and sustaining momentum in uncertain times. [Register for free to join the conversation >>>](#)

UPCOMING AT ACS

ACS Events

- **Navigating Career Disruption: Reframe, Adapt, and Reengineer** | 2-3 p.m., Thursday, March 5
- **Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference** | June 15-18, San Antonio, Texas
- **2026 Biennial Conference on Chemical Education** | July 26-30, Wisconsin
- **Postdoc to Faculty (P2F) Workshop** | Application Deadline: Friday, April 5

ACS Institute Courses

- **Polymer Chemistry: Principles and Practice** | March 15-20; Blacksburg, VA
- **Effective Science Communication** | March 21; Atlanta
- **Hands-On Fundamentals of FTIR Spectroscopy *New course*** | March 21-22; Atlanta
- **Laboratory Safety** | March 21-22; Atlanta
- **Multidisciplinary Fundamentals in Drug Discovery and Development** | March 21-22; Atlanta
- **Project Management for Technical Professionals** | March 21-22; Atlanta
- **Risk-Based Strategy for the Development and Validation of Analytical Methods With a QbD Approach** | March 21-22; Atlanta
- **Sustainable Polymer-Based Composites** | March 21-22; Atlanta

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For World Wildlife Day A Favorite *Tiny Show & Tell Us* Moment

For World Wildlife Day today, Tuesday, March 3, we're revisiting a classic *Tiny Show & Tell Us* episode that celebrates curiosity about the natural world. It features a listener who was once told — *incorrectly* — that polar bears don't have black skin, plus a dive into the hidden world of insect vibrational communication, a tiny, sensory universe. It's a fun reminder that wildlife is full of surprises! [Listen here](#) >>>



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A polar bear snuggles with her cubs.



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