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**Press Statement by New Jersey Work Environment Council
In Response to Environmental Protection Agency Action
To Force NJ Ambulance Company to Stop Using Toxic Fogger**

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New Jersey Work Environment Council (WEC) Director Rick Engler issued this statement responding to EPA's action ordering a New Jersey ambulance company to cease using misting machines to disinfect its vehicles with toxic chemicals that have sickened workers:

“The New Jersey Work Environment Council applauds EPA Region 2 for taking strong enforcement action against MONOC. We also encourage EPA to complete their investigation of Zimek Technologies, manufacturer of the misting machines, and whether use of their equipment across the nation could violate the law. We also look forward to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration completing their investigation of related worker exposure issues. It's truly incredible that the 15 hospitals that operate MONOC – whose mission is health care – would expose workers and transported patients to such potential harm.”

For more information, go to www.njwec.org.

To read the EPA press release, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region02/>.

To read the *New York Times* online coverage, go to:
<http://www.nytimes.com/gwire/2011/01/10/10greenwire-epa-wades-into-battle-over-hospital-disinfecta-22978.html>.

The New Jersey Work Environment Council is a non-profit organization based in Trenton of 70 labor, environmental, and community organizations working for safe, secure jobs and a healthy, sustainable environment.