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# McGarry of PPG to Deliver Keynote Address at Pittsburgh Chemical Day

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PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 29, 2015-- PPG Industries (NYSE:PPG) today announced that President and Chief Operating Officer Michael H. McGarry will present the keynote address during the 48th annual Pittsburgh Chemical Day, Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. The keynote presentation will be part of the event's luncheon program.

McGarry will provide an overview of the current state of the industry and its importance in the international economy, discuss current trends, and outline key actions the industry must take to maintain its leadership.

"The chemical and coatings industry is poised to grow, but we must tackle key challenges to achieve continued success," McGarry said. "Because our industry is a fundamental component of the international economy, both the industry and global markets will benefit if we collectively work to improve education and talent attraction, and to encourage regulatory and policy measures that support growth."

The full-day event, expected to draw more than 400 chemical-industry professionals, provides informational sessions about the industry, as well as networking opportunities. The Pittsburgh region accounts for an estimated 250 chemical firms and 5,000 positions in the industry.

"As the fourth-largest exporter from the Pittsburgh region, the chemical industry has a significant impact on the economy, creates jobs and underpins business opportunities," said Kevin Riley, general chair for Pittsburgh Chemical Day 2015 and a retired PPG employee. "The mission of Pittsburgh Chemical Day is to highlight Pittsburgh as a chemical-industry center and to provide a premier forum for sharing ideas and gaining insight about current key issues that affect the chemical industry."

Industry professionals interested in attending Pittsburgh Chemical Day can register at [www.pittchemday.com](http://www.pittchemday.com).

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