

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, visited Eastman Business Park to highlight how new jobs are being created and maintained in part through innovative energy efficiency technologies. Her visit focused on how Eastman Business Park is able to leverage Kodak's investment in energy efficient co-generation technology to attract new commercial development to the former Kodak Park site.

The recently approved climate change legislation includes a provision championed by Rep. Slaughter that enables Kodak to continue to offer competitively inexpensive utilities as an inducement to attract more business development to our region. The provision proved vital for Eastman Business Park and Kodak.

Joined by Eastman Kodak CEO Antonio Perez and President of the Film Photofinishing and Entertainment Group Brad Krutchen, Rep. Slaughter toured Eastman Business Park before being greeted by over 200 employees of Eastman Kodak and other companies that call Eastman Business Park home.

"Keeping Kodak and Eastman Business Park viable and thriving is critical to Rochester and our surrounding community," said Rep. Slaughter. "Some have tried to claim that the American Clean Energy and Security Act, commonly known as ACES, would become a drain on economic growth-but that couldn't be farther from the truth. Among other job-inducing provisions, the legislation establishes a \$30 billion loan program to create new green-manufacturing industries and it supports companies, like Kodak, that are making voluntary efforts to use cleaner energy."

Since 2002 Kodak has reduced its company-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 50% and has been recognized each year as one of the Global 100 Most Sustainable Companies. Currently over 4000 non-Kodak employees work here adding millions in local economic activity.

"I have had the privilege to work closely with Congresswoman Louise Slaughter throughout my tenure with the company, and the Rochester community could not ask for a stronger advocate in Washington," said Eastman Kodak CEO, Antonio Perez. "She believes that the environment and economic development go hand in hand. As part of this, she made sure that the legislation recognized energy-efficient cogeneration facilities as seen here in Eastman Business Park. She has been a good friend to Kodak, and she shares the vision for the future of Eastman Business

Park.”

The provision in ACES under which Kodak’s progressive cogeneration work falls allows the Eastman Business Park to continue to work to become more energy efficient in this new clean energy economy.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act passed the House of Representatives with strong leadership by Rep. Slaughter on June 26, 2009.