



International Council of Chemical Associations: A Global Perspective

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International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA)

- **Worldwide voice of the chemical industry**
- **Accounts for more than 70% of chemical manufacturing operations**
 - **Annually €1.6 (US\$ 2.0) trillion**
- **Vision: That “the global chemical industry will be widely valued and supported for its economic, social, and environmental contributions to society.”**
- **Mission: To “help the global chemical industry improve financial performance and reputation by tackling global issues, and by helping the industry to improve continuously its performance through Responsible Care® and other programs.”**



Worldwide Trends Challenge the Chemical Industry

- Science: detection thresholds, cause/effect relationships
- External Pressure: shift from operations to products
- Non Government Organizations: increasing focus and stridency
- National Laws and Regulations: increasingly country-specific and severe
- Regulatory Costs to Market: higher expense, more delays
- International Treaties: in place (Persistent Organic Pollutants) and expanding
- Market Reactions, Downstream Users: increasingly important



Landmark Programs

- CHEMTREC®
- Responsible Care®
- Long-Range Research Initiative (LRI)
- High Production Volume (HPV) Program



Responsible Care® Global History

- Launched in Canada in 1985
- Signature ethic of the global chemistry industry and key component of corporate responsibility programs
- Global governance
- Expanded to 52 associations today
- A leading voluntary program
 - Praised by United Nations' Secretary General Kofi Annan
 - Recognized at the 2006 UN International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM)
- Recognition of its global contribution to sustainable development
 - Awarded by UN Environment Program and the ICCM at the 2002 UN World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD)



Responsible Care[®] Mission

- **Defines industry commitment to:**
 - Improve safety, health, product stewardship and environmental performance of products and processes
 - Listen and engage with stakeholders
 - Contribute to sustainable development and corporate responsibility programs
- **Provides companies with a management platform to:**
 - Realize internal value
 - Enhance dialogue with stakeholders and international organizations



Responsible Care[®] Associations



Responsible Care® Global Charter

- Launched publicly at the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM), Dubai, February 2006
- Sets a global vision of improved performance, enhanced public confidence, transparency, and strengthened engagement with stakeholders
- Seeks global consistency of key program elements across implementing companies and associations for more effective communication
- Strengthens product stewardship management, through consistent guidelines, and builds commitments from downstream users with Global Product Strategy
- Provides a critical performance foundation and management system to strengthen Responsible Care



Long-Range Research Initiative (LRI)

- **Commitment to Responsible Care® and Global Product Strategy**
- **LRI created by visionary world-wide chemical industry leaders in 1999**
- **Generic research that makes substantial contributions to answering the key question:**
 - **How do chemicals potentially affect my children, me, and my environment.**
- **LRI is global effort under ICCA with ACC, CEFIC and JCIA**
- **Innovating approaches to risk assessment to better meet the demands of today's society.**



Global Charter: Paradigm Shift

- **Moving away from conflicted/adversarial relationship society has developed with the business of chemistry.**
- **Industry perspective:**
 - **A sustainable future requires openness, transparency, capacity-building, and constructive industry engagement in the public policy process.**



New Paradigm

- **Responsible Care® Global Charter and Global Product Strategy enable global solutions**
- **Need enhanced discourse, collaboration, and partnerships**
- **EPA- ICCA Biomonitoring Meeting: Public Health Applications of Human Biomonitoring**

