

National Association of Chemical Distributors

The National Association of Chemical Distributors (NACD), established in 1971, is an international association of chemical distributor companies that purchase and take title to chemical products from manufacturers. Member companies process, formulate, blend, re-package, warehouse, transport, and market these chemical products exclusively for an industrial customer base of approximately 750,000 in the United States.

Approximately \$25-30 billion of U.S. chemical industry sales are through chemical distributors, who are also actively engaged in various phases of import/export trade. The industrial customers served by chemical distributors use these materials to produce products for the following industries:

- Adhesives & Sealants
- Agriculture
- Automobile
- Cosmetics/Personal Care
- Electronics
- Food & Beverage
- Municipal
- Paints & Coatings
- Pharmaceuticals
- Plastics
- Pulp & Paper
- Soaps & Detergents
- Textiles
- Other

NACD's nearly 250 member companies are located in every region of the country and operate more than 1,535 chemical distribution locations and employ more than 21,300 employees. NACD also has member and Affiliate companies in Canada, Mexico, and Singapore. Member companies are largely entrepreneurial and generally service a particular geographic region and specific industrial sectors. They are typically small businesses, although some companies are national and international in scope. They know their products and processes, and provide value-added services to their customers in a professional, responsible manner.

Member companies demonstrate their commitment to product stewardship and responsible distribution in every phase of chemical storage, handling, transportation, and disposal through compliance with the Responsible Distribution ProcessSM (RDP). NACD's RDP management practices on health, safety, security, and the environment are recognized throughout the chemical industry and by industry stakeholders. Adherence to RDP is mandatory for continued membership in NACD, and compliance is enforced through third-party verification.

NACD companies must pass two different verifications conducted by independent third-party verifiers approved by NACD: Document Verification, a one-time "desktop" review of RDP policies and procedures followed by RDP Verification (RDPV), an on-site check every three years of the implementation of RDP policies and procedures. Companies applying for membership are first considered for Candidates for Membership status, then for Regular membership upon successful completion of Document Verification. Companies that previously held membership in NACD are not eligible for Candidate status.

RDP is especially sensitive and responsive to community needs and public concerns. NACD members play a leadership role in their communities as technical and safety resources and are eager to provide the same assistance and guidance to local, state, and federal legislators on technical issues relating to the safe handling, storage, transportation, use, and disposal of chemical products.

For more information on NACD and an up-to-date listing of all NACD members in good standing, visit www.nacd.com.
For more information about RDP, visit www.ResponsibleDistribution.com.