

NACD Responsible Distribution® Guiding Principles and Commitment Statement

The National Association of Chemical Distributors (“NACD”), an Illinois non-profit trade association with its principal place of business in Arlington, Virginia is the trade association of chemical distributors and affiliates operating in the United States of America. NACD Responsible Distribution® is a signature program for environmental, health, safety and security excellence for all of NACD’s Regular Member/Chemical Handler Affiliate (CHA) companies.

Regular Members/Chemical Handler Affiliates of NACD recognize that continuous compliance with the Responsible Distribution Codes and Guiding Principles are required to maintain their Regular Member/CHA status and that membership is subject to revocation according to processes and procedures adopted by NACD from time to time.

As a Regular Member/CHA, each company and its senior management commits to continuous improvement in the chemical distribution industry’s responsible management and handling of chemicals. They pledge to operate their business in an ethically responsible manner according to the Guiding Principles and to review them in compliance with Responsible Distribution on, at least, an annual basis.

The NACD Responsible Distribution® Guiding Principles are:

1. To recognize and respond to community concerns about chemicals, their handling, use, storage, transportation, and disposal.
2. To make health, safety, security, and environmental considerations a priority in our planning for all existing and new operations, products, processes, and facilities.
3. To inform emergency response officials, employees, customers, and the public of manufacturer’s information on chemical-related health and environmental hazards, and the manufacturer’s recommendations on protective and remedial measures.
4. To work with customers, in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations, on product stewardship including handling, use, storage, transportation, and disposal of chemicals.
5. To protect the health, safety, and security of the public, our employees, the environment, and our plants and facilities.
6. To cooperate with individuals, government and other interested entities in resolving problems created by handling and disposal of hazardous chemicals.
7. To participate with individuals, government and other interested entities in creating responsible laws, regulations, and practices to help safeguard the community, workplace, and environment.
8. To adhere to applicable local, state and national laws, rules, and regulations in respect to our handling, use, storage, transportation, and disposal of chemicals.
9. To promote the principles and practices of Responsible Distribution by sharing experiences and offering assistance to those who handle, use, store, transport, or dispose of chemicals.