

A Commitment to Performance Excellence

Responsible Care® is the global chemical industry's commitment to drive continuous improvement and excellence in environmental, health, safety and security performance.

Launched in Canada in 1985, today Responsible Care is practiced in more than **65 countries** around the globe. Through Responsible Care, chemical manufacturers commit to **safe chemicals management and performance excellence** worldwide, so the chemical industry can continue to contribute to a healthier environment, improved living standards and a better quality of life for all.



RESPONSIBLE CARE®
OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

Implementing Our Global Charter

More than 570 global chemical company CEOs, including more than **95 percent of the world's largest chemical companies**, have signed the **Responsible Care Global Charter**, a commitment to **safe chemicals management**. CEOs pledge to **actively strengthen Responsible Care** through the Charter's six Key Elements:

- 1) **Instituting a Corporate Leadership Culture** that supports safe chemicals management.
- 2) **Safeguarding People and the Environment** by driving continuous improvement in product safety, health and environmental protection and facility security.
- 3) **Strengthening Chemicals Management Systems** through lifecycle-oriented, science- and risk-based chemical safety legislation and best practices.
- 4) **Influencing Business Partners** to promote safe chemical management in their operations.
- 5) **Engaging Stakeholders**, addressing expectations for safer operations and products and communicating openly on our performance and products.
- 6) **Contributing to Sustainability** through improved performance, expanded economic opportunities and innovative technologies and solutions to societal challenges.

Reporting & Strengthening Performance

Global chemical manufacturers work together to transparently **track and improve performance**. Under Responsible Care, members track and measure performance metrics including **energy and water consumption, CO₂ emissions and distribution and process safety incidents**.

*Since 2006,
global chemical
companies have:*

Reduced
transportation
incidents by
36%

Reduced lost-
time injury
rate by **26%**

Reduced
greenhouse
gas emissions
by **34%**

Enhancing Sound Chemicals Management

Through ICCA's Responsible Care and Global Product Strategy initiatives, companies work closely with UN Environment, national chemical associations and business partners to actively strengthen the ethic worldwide.

To date, ICCA and its partners have **provided capacity building support for 172 projects in 46 countries**. The capacity building partnership between ICCA and UN Environment, which includes training on emergency preparedness and prevention, safe transportation and other topics, is critical to the chemical industry's work to implement **sound chemicals management practices** around the globe.

