

# Chemistry In Our Lives

## The Road To Responsible Care Of Our Environment

(NAPSA)—It may come as no surprise to many Americans that the business of chemistry is a \$460 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. The chemical industry is the nation's largest exporter, accounting for 10¢ of every dollar in U.S. exports. Applying the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services helped develop more than 70,000 products that make our lives better, healthier and safer.

As members and partners of the American Chemistry Council, leading chemistry companies and suppliers have committed to improve their health, safety and environmental performance through Responsible Care. This award-winning initiative commits each company to make continuous progress toward the vision of no accidents, injuries or harm to the environment in the manufacture and use of chemicals.

Each company CEO must sign and adhere to the Responsible Care guiding principles which include:

- To seek and incorporate public input regarding products and operations.
- To provide chemicals that can be manufactured, transported, used and disposed of safely.
- To make health, safety, the environment and resource conservation critical considerations for



**The responsible use of the products of chemistry has a bigger impact on our lives than many people realize.**

all new and existing products and processes.

- To provide information on health or environmental risks and pursue protective measures for employees, the public and other key stakeholders.
- To operate facilities in a manner that protects the environment and the health and safety of employees and the public.
- To lead in the development of responsible laws, regulations and standards that safeguard the community, workplace and environment.

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