

# CHEMSTEWARDS® CORE PRINCIPLES STATEMENT

As a member of the Society of Chemical Manufacturers & Affiliates (SOCMA), our company is dedicated to continuous improvement in environmental, health, safety and security performance. We promote innovative, safe and responsible operations and contribute to a healthy, productive economy. To meet these responsibilities, we pledge to manage our business according to the following principles:

- We will communicate with and engage employees, business partners and the community to foster a greater understanding of environmental, health, safety and security matters.
- We will promote the concepts of product stewardship throughout a product's lifecycle.
- We will make environmental, health, safety and security considerations a priority in our planning and operations for all new and existing products and processes.
- We will train employees in their environmental, health, safety and security responsibilities and promote involvement and accountability in these areas.
- We will continuously strive to use our resources efficiently and minimize waste.

## Print or type

(President or CEO Only) Name (Mr./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVE MEMBERS (Check one)

- We are committed to the ChemStewards Core Principles and will implement the ChemStewards program with respect to our operations and activities in the United States through SOCMA.  
OR  
 We are committed to the ChemStewards Core Principles but will continue to implement the Responsible Care® program with respect to our operations and activities in the United States through an authorized association\*.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- By checking this box, I affirm that the name typed above represents my official signature.

## INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

- We are committed to the ChemStewards Core Principles

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- By checking this box, I affirm that the name typed above represents my official signature.

## ChemStewards Coordinator (Must be listed.) (Your application is not complete without this.)

Name (Mr./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Application must have authorized signature line completed to be valid.

# UNDERSTANDING CHEMSTEWARDS® REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCMA MEMBERS

ChemStewards has been developed by SOCMA to improve the environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) performance of its members' operations. The members of SOCMA are dedicated to operating by the program's Core Principles and implementing core program components.

## ChemStewards is built around five core elements:

- Core Principles
- Metrics
- Management Systems
- 3rd Party Verification
- Security

### OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS:

- **Active Members with manufacturing in the United States** — Are required to implement ChemStewards at each of their manufacturing sites, as well as other operations and activities in the United States through SOCMA. Companies who currently implement the Responsible Care® program may continue to do so only through an authorized association but must commit to the ChemStewards Core Principles.
- **International Members** — Are required to implement SOCMA's performance improvement program with respect to the company's operations and activities in the United States. SOCMA is currently developing guidance on the scope of these obligations which will include signing the enclosed Core Principles form.

### IMPLEMENTING CHEMSTEWARDS THROUGH SOCMA:

- Your company President or CEO must sign and return the Core Principles statement and identify a ChemStewards Coordinator.
- Your company is required to commit to enhancing site security, implementing a third-party verified management system and tracking and reporting on EHS&S metrics, as applicable.
- The implementation process begins within three months of activation of SOCMA's membership. This phase-in period is intended to provide time to establish program foundations and contact SOCMA staff for assistance and training.

### RESOURCES FROM SOCMA TO HELP YOU IMPLEMENT CHEMSTEWARDS:

- New member orientation training
- Tools and guidance material on SOCMA's members-only website
- EHS&S regional meetings
- Personal visits to headquarters or facilities upon request

### BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING CHEMSTEWARDS:

- **Access to SOCMA's regional meeting groups and on-site support.**
- **Competitive Advantage** — The ChemStewards program leads to improved business practices relating to EHS&S performance; enhanced interaction with employees and plant communities; and heightened efficiency of plant processes and personnel.
- **Regulatory Compliance** — The ChemStewards program is consistent with and builds upon current regulations. By implementing the ChemStewards program, you will be better positioned to meet current and future compliance requirements.
- **Improved performance** — The ChemStewards program fosters continuous improvement in EHS&S performance to support overall operational excellence.

### For further information about implementing ChemStewards please contact:

#### ■ ChemStewards Program

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