

# National Pollution Prevention Roundtable 2025 Safer Chemistry Challenge Program



## Application for Organizational Membership

The National Pollution Prevention Roundtable's (NPPR) 2025 Safer Chemistry Challenge Program (SCCP) seeks to motivate, challenge, and reward safer chemistry practices in businesses to reduce the use of chemicals, especially hazardous and toxic chemicals, through source reduction and pollution prevention measures. Applicants should review the information in the program overview and FAQs (frequently asked questions) to understand all membership requirements.

### SCCP Membership Eligibility

Membership in the SCCP is open to industry, business, healthcare, universities, and other organizations as well as any member of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR). Applicants may be individual facilities, or organizations with combined or multiple facilities.

#### Applicant

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

SIC/NAICS: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Participant Level (Check Appropriate Box)

Individual Facility:  100 or less employees  101 to 500 employees  greater than 500 employees

Combined or Multiple Facilities:  2-5 facilities  6-10 facilities  11 or more facilities

#### Facility Profile (Please Check Appropriate Box)

Manufacturing  Healthcare  Education  Military  Research

Other (please describe)

Product or Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership fees

Annual fees are based on the participant's number of employees, and number of facilities. Dues are payable within 30 days from the date of invoicing (following acceptance into the SCCP). There are no dues for Alliance members.

<b>Individual Facility</b>		<b>Multiple Facilities</b>	
100 or less Employees	\$500.00	2 - 5 Facilities	\$2000.00
101 - 499 Employees	\$800.00	6 - 10 Facilities	\$3000.00
500+ Employees	\$1500.00	11+ Facilities	\$5000.00

SCCP retains the right to review member candidacy to ensure that membership is mutually beneficial for the organization, SCCP, and NPPR.

By executing and submitting the application for membership together with payment for membership fees, the Applicant confirms that it understands both the requirements and benefits of membership in the SCCP.

All membership applications are public information and will be released to members of the public upon request.

Questions? For assistance with the SCCP application for, contact Jeff Burke at 202-299-9701 or email [saferchemistry@gmail.com](mailto:saferchemistry@gmail.com).

Who should sign the enrollment form? For example, a management official (owner, CEO, etc) with authority to commit management support and resources to implement the program should sign the form.

## Membership Benefits

A number of membership benefits include:

- Access to multistate technical assistance program staff sector expertise
- Newsletters and access to multistate green chemistry and pollution prevention clearinghouse information
- Green chemistry grant information available from states
- Networking, professional development and continuing education opportunities
- Employees of member organizations receive discounts on conference registration
- Discount for Journal of Cleaner Production
- Participation in chemical policy discussions

## Recognition

- Use of SCCP name and logo tied to membership type
- Name listed on the SCCP website, along with goals set and progress made
- Special recognition at NPPR's annual conference National Environmental Sustainability Summit
- Access to national, regional, state, local and NGO awards programs
- Case studies posted on SCCP website
- Joint SCCP member and NPPR publications, press releases, and other media recognition events
- Press release sent to local media, national organizations, relevant associations, and Congressional offices

## Learning Network

- Participation in NPPR work groups/task forces
- Best practice sharing (data base populated with data for member only use)
- State/local technical assistance program services
- Collaboration with representatives from a variety of partner organizations via meetings, workshops, and member only website
- Guidance and resources for those organizations developing and working toward toxic chemical reduction
- Contacts for each participating facility to be part of an active learning network for and among the membership
- Invitation to members only special events
- NPPR and other sponsored webinars
- Inclusion in policy discussions with EPA and other organizations on topics related to chemicals policy and green chemistry

## Collaborative and Partnering Opportunity

- Increase the SCCP pipeline
- Create more regulatory certainty and resolve interstate barriers to commercialization
- Promote competitive opportunities, green chemistry solutions, environmental performance, and movement toward sustainability
- Leverage technical and regulatory experience and expertise
- Reduce the impact of toxic chemicals on human health and the environment

## Steps to Participating in the Challenge Program

### Step 1. Make the commitment

- Develop and communicate a corporate policy statement indicating management commitment to eliminating or reducing the use of chemicals of concern and substitute safer alternatives
- Form a team with identified team leader to address the project and implications for the business

### Step 2. Conduct an assessment

- Work to develop a comprehensive understanding (or inventory) of the chemicals used in processes and products at the facility
- Ask suppliers for data on chemical ingredients of products. Assess the hazardous constituents of the chemicals used
- Categorize chemicals into categories of high, moderate, low or unknown concern/use
- Utilize NPPR's member technical assistance program resources (see Resources section)

### Step 3. Set performance goals

- Create a list of chemicals of concern specific to facility operations
- Prioritize chemicals for elimination or reduction, taking into account volume of use, toxicity, potential for exposure, public and/or governmental concern and customer demand
- Publicly share the list of priority chemicals of concern
- Establish elimination/reduction goals and schedules for the targeted chemicals list
- Describe achievements to date

### Step 4. Create an action plan

- Identify and select alternatives (see Resources section for screening tools)
  - Conduct alternatives assessments for the target list of chemicals
  - Assess hazards and effectiveness of potential alternatives
  - Identify elimination/reduction opportunities, taking into account technical and cost considerations
- Focus initial elimination/reduction efforts on target list of chemicals for which safer alternatives are readily available
- For each priority chemical of concern, create a workplan with action steps, roles, and timelines

### Step 5. Implement the action plan

- Utilize NPPR's member state technical assistance programs
- Utilize internal team to implement needed tasks

### Step 6. Evaluate progress

- Establish a metrics system to track elimination/reduction efforts
- Measure and document results
- Publicly report annually on progress in achieving performance objectives
- Update goals and plan as necessary

### Step 7. Recognize and communicate achievements

- Promote new and existing members (website, brochure, newsletter)
- Keep employees informed and publicize accomplishments
- Apply to NPPR MVP2 program
- Make use of state recognition programs
- Develop NPPR web profile, case studies, and success stories
- Develop press release, including notification of legislators
- Use special logo that designates the company as a Challenge Program participant
- Attend and present information at the National Environmental Sustainability Summit or other NPPR sponsored conference

## Work Plan

Chemical	Reduction Goal	Achievements to Date	Action Steps	Timeline	Metrics	Alternatives Assessment Tools Used
Example: Methylene chloride	100%	Have begun to research alternatives	Identify alternative Test alternative	December 2011	Pounds/year	Green Screen; EPA