

1988

The American Chemistry Council adopts Responsible Care and makes it a condition of membership in the association.



1985

The Responsible Care Global initiative is launched by the Chemistry Industry Association of Canada.



1992

ACC establishes the Responsible Care Partnership Program for companies that have direct, substantial involvement in the distribution, transportation, storage, use, treatment, disposal or sales and marketing of chemicals.

1996

ACC introduces its Management Systems Verification program, through which industry peers review each company's Responsible Care processes at the HQ and site level.



2002

ACC Board of Directors adopts the Responsible Care Security Code to further enhance the security of our facilities, our communities and the essential products we produce.

2004

ACC launches Responsible Care certification process.

Public reporting of member and Partner Responsible Care performance metrics data begins.



2008

ACC issues revisions to the Responsible Care Guiding Principles, reflecting changes to the program since 1999.

2012

ACC Board of Directors approves new Responsible Care Product Safety and Process Safety Codes.



2016

ACC welcomes its 100th Responsible Care Partner Company.



1986

ACC establishes the CAER (Community Awareness and Emergency Response) Program to foster dialogue with emergency responders and plant communities.



1991

The International Council of Chemical Associations sponsors the first Global Workshop on Responsible Care in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. More than 400 delegates from around the world attend the event.



1993

Board-level Task Force recommends, and the ACC Board of Directors adopts: Mandatory performance metric reporting, deadlines for completing Code implementation and a verification process.



2003

The ACC Board of Directors adopts: Transition from Codes to a Responsible Care Management System; third-party certification; and transparent and enhanced reporting of performance metrics.

1999

ACC issues a revised version of the Responsible Care Guiding Principles, reflecting changes to the program since 1988.

2009

Through the SAFETY Act, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recognizes the Responsible Care Security Code as a Qualified Anti-Terrorism Technology, providing ACC members and Responsible Care Partners with certain liability protections in the event of a terrorist action at their facilities.



2005

ICCA Responsible Care Global Charter launched.

2018

ACC celebrates 30th Anniversary of Responsible Care in the United States.



2014

ICCA issues revised Responsible Care Global Charter, which is signed by more than 550 CEOs from chemical companies around the world, including more than 95% of the world's 100 largest companies.