

# Chemical Producers & Distributors Association

## Services and Benefits

CPDA is the preeminent U.S. based trade association representing the interests of generic pesticide registrants, adjuvant and inert ingredient manufacturers, and product formulators and distributors. We represent over \$7.7 billion worth of pest control products used on food, feed and fiber crops and in related non-crop segments.

### ***Advocates for Generic Pesticide Manufacturers and Suppliers of Adjuvants and Inert Ingredients***

Since CPDA's formation in 1975, our priorities and activities have been member-driven to keep our efforts focused on the issues that impact our members. Through representation on CPDA's Board of Directors, large and small companies, active and inert ingredient suppliers, formulators and distributors, and makers of generic and proprietary products share an equal voice on the positions and actions taken by the association. CPDA meets the needs of the industry as a whole by focusing our efforts on the needs of each industry segment of the membership:

- For the generic pesticide manufacturers, CPDA works to ensure federal barriers to market entry and the registration process for follow-on products are fair and equitable, minimizing registration costs and time delays and protecting label flexibility. CPDA is a respected voice for the generic pesticide industry; EPA, USDA and Congressional staff solicit CPDA input on issues specific to this segment of the industry.
- For the inert ingredient and adjuvant suppliers, CPDA organizes mutual educational opportunities to facilitate collaboration between our members and EPA that serve to minimize the potential for undue regulation. We have developed and brought to the industry an EPA-recognized, self-certification program for adjuvant manufacturers. This program is based on accredited industry standards, promoting high quality adjuvants for use with crop and related non-crop pesticide products.
- For our formulators and distributors, all our regulatory and legislative initiatives are ultimately focused on ensuring their access to the best, most affordable active ingredients and to high-quality inert ingredients, thereby protecting their freedom to operate in the marketplace.

### ***Comprehensive Regulatory and Legislative Issue Analysis***

CPDA provides timely, focused, action-oriented regulatory and legislative support to protect and defend the pesticide industry through its comprehensive understanding of the generic market and the rules and laws affecting the industry. CPDA is uniquely positioned to deliver this service through the economic, regulatory and legal expertise of its staff, and through continued active involvement of its membership, from ingredient manufacturers through formulators and distributors of end-use products:

- Industry members on our Regulatory and Legislative Committees direct and support CPDA priorities and activities through open discussion and goal setting.
- CPDA ensures that EPA has access to technical experts in inert ingredient and adjuvant chemistry through our Adjuvants and Inerts Committee members - a membership unique to CPDA.
- CPDA monitors and responds to any proposed federal legislative or regulatory action that may unnecessarily restrict distribution and use of generic active ingredients, inert ingredients, adjuvants, and formulated pesticide products. This is done through the application of scientific, economic, and legal arguments.
- CPDA works with its members to develop scientifically sound recommendations and alternatives so that final regulatory actions are science-based, appropriate, and not politically directed.

### ***Delivery of Targeted Meetings, Workshops and Training***

CPDA organizes and convenes the following key meetings annually:

- Each March, the CPDA Spring Meeting provides members the opportunity for one-on-one access to relevant federal decision makers on Capitol Hill and at EPA.
- Each May, the Adjuvants and Inerts Committee convenes an AIC Annual Conference, which provides topical business and regulatory impact analysis for inert ingredient and adjuvant suppliers, formulators, and registrants, and offers a forum for networking opportunities across the industry.
- Each July, the CPDA Annual Meeting provides members cutting-edge information on the domestic and global pesticide industry, and federal and state legislative and regulatory policy initiatives. This meeting also offers opportunities for socializing and networking for members and their guests.

CPDA has a long history of organizing highly anticipated, well-attended workshops and training sessions at the request of the membership and EPA, providing members and others access to forums that focus on topics and issues of importance to the membership.

### ***In-Depth Information Flow***

CPDA prides itself on its extensive communications network, which keeps member companies abreast of fast breaking events on Capitol Hill or within the Executive Branch. Our communication vehicles strive to integrate member companies into the Washington political and regulatory process:

- CPDA's newsletter, "Keeping an Eye on Washington" provides in-depth information on critical legislative and regulatory issues affecting the pesticide industry.
- Alerts to members on legislative and regulatory issues on which CPDA and its members need to take action and provide swift response.
- The new "CPDA Quarterly" highlights our member companies and topical issues.