

Mercer ORC Networks

Corporate Environmental Forum



Member benefits

- Four meetings per year that provide presentations by environmental issues experts from the public and private sectors, as well as a forum for an exchange of information and joint problem solving with other professionals in the environmental field
- Personal contacts with senior government officials
- Participation in rule-making and policy formation through task forces (which draw on the collective skills and experience of ORC member companies)
- Individual consultations by telephone
- Periodic mailings on current environmental concerns of the public and private sectors and e-mail alerts on fast-breaking issues
- Peer-to-peer networking

An independent forum for the in-depth examination of environmental issues and regulations that play an important role in the implementation of corporate environmental management programs

The Mercer ORC Networks Corporate Environmental Forum (CEF) addresses the mutual concerns of industry, government agencies and the public sector. An exchange of views with high-ranking Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials is a regular feature of the meetings, as are discussions among member companies and experts on best practices in environmental management and compliance. Emerging issues, such as sustainability, greenhouse gas legislation, REACH and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and its implications for corporate EHS programs are considered by the CEF. The forum also is focused on the pending US, implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and its implications for industry.

Principles of the Mercer ORC Networks Corporate Environmental Forum

Consistent with the EPA's stated mission "to protect human health and the environment," the Corporate Environmental Forum is committed to:

- Providing a means for member companies to develop and maintain an awareness of federal policy-making processes by building bridges with officials at the EPA and other agencies with environment policy concerns
- Articulating a multi-industry perspective on priority issues and regulations
- Working to minimize the politicization of federal environmental policies
- Helping to develop and communicate industry's perspective on the environmental policy-making process, emphasizing the group's diverse membership while serving as a resource for input on government environmental policies and issues
- Assisting member companies in understanding the interrelationships among the White House, the EPA and its diverse media offices, Congress, the Department of State, and the Department of the Interior – all of which are involved in environmental policy-making
- Providing a forum for the communication of environmental stewardship through continuous improvement of management systems

Member companies

3M
Amtrak
AT&T
BAE Systems
Baxter Healthcare Corporation
BP America Inc.
Colgate-Palmolive Company
Covidien
The Dow Chemical Company
General Electric Company
General Motors Corporation
The HEICO Companies
Henkel Corporation
ITT Corporation
Johnson & Johnson
Lockheed Martin Corporation
Mars, Incorporated
Masco Corporation
Northrop Grumman Corporation
Purdue Pharma LP
The ServiceMaster Company
Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Inc.
Sprint Nextel Corporation
United Technologies Corporation
W. L. Gore & Associates

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Expertise

One of the important resources for CEF members is the extensive knowledge offered by our professional and highly experienced consultants. They offer invaluable expertise gained from many years of experience in private practice and in various positions within federal government agencies associated with the issues of corporate environmental management.

In cases where additional expertise on critical environmental issues is required (for example, on the issues of environmental auditing, RCRA or environmental management), CEF staff draw upon expert support from authoritative outside sources.

About Mercer's ORC Networks

Mercer's ORC Networks Occupational Safety and Health and Environmental practice started in 1972 and today provides unique forums for discussion and interaction among member companies, organized by experienced professionals in various safety, health and environmental disciplines, with access to administrators of relevant federal agencies.

