

CHEMISTRY COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY— YEAR IN REVIEW

Founded in 1955, the Chemistry Council of New Jersey is your company's voice in Trenton. Your annual dues help to support advocacy initiatives that help further advance the \$25.3 billion chemistry industry in the state of New Jersey, employing more than 49,000 people and assisting CCNJ's more than 60 Core Member companies to be competitive innovators and employers.

With more than 50 years of combined experience in government, public and regulatory affairs, the CCNJ staff have earned a reputation for being influential business advocates in Trenton.

Elvin Montero, Director of Communications / Issues Management

More than 16 years' experience in strategic communications, public affairs, media relations, and event planning.

Ed Waters, Director of Government Affairs

More than 15 years' experience working with both the legislative and executive branches of New Jersey government.

Thomas Leach, Esq., Director of Government Relations

More than 11 years' experience working in state government and legal affairs

Samantha Jones, P.E., Director of Regulatory Affairs

More than 8 years of environmental compliance consulting experience.

Legislative

- **216th Legislative Session (2014-2015):** Out of **8840** bills introduced by the Legislature, CCNJ tracked more than **327** of them.
- CCNJ Supported **76** bills, opposed **99** bills, and monitored **185** bills.
- **CCNJ Supported Bill A-3083** (*Microbeads Bill: Prohibits manufacture, sale or promotion of personal care products containing microbeads*) signed by Governor Christie. CCNJ was instrumental in ensuring that chemistry industry amendments were included in the final bill.
- **CCNJ Supported Bill A-2477** (*Biosimilar Bill: Establishes requirements for pharmacists to dispense biological products*) signed by Governor Christie. CCNJ worked tirelessly to ensure passage .
- **ACR-239/SCR-133:** CCNJ was successful in its efforts to get two bipartisan resolutions, which promote and support the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015.
- **A-4344/S3183:** CCNJ worked with legislators to introduce A-4344/S3183, which criminalizes using drones to conduct surveillance of or fly over critical infrastructures, and requires certain drones to be registered and insured.

Regulatory

- The Council engaged New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regulators in an effort to drive reforms to improve three key areas: **site remediation**, **water quality** and **permitting**, and the **air program**.
- Partnered with NJDEP to offer training to 100 site remediation professionals.
- CCNJ continues to advocate for greater transparency related to standards setting and chemical risk assessments, particularly through the Drinking Water Quality Institute (DWQI).

CCNJ Sponsored Coalitions

- Site Remediation Industry Network
- BPA/Phthalate Group
- Chemical Plant Security Group
- Environmental Justice Group
- Hexavalent Chromium Group
- Hydraulic Fracturing Coalition
- Industry Coalition on Environmental Standards
- Lower Passaic Legislative Group
- NJ Coalition for Affordable Power
- Plant Biotechnology Coalition
- Plastic Bags Coalition
- Rail Safety Taskforce

Security, Health & Safety

- Coordinated 3 different rail safety table top exercises in South and Central Jersey with CCNJ members, emergency responders, Conrail, and related regulatory agencies.
- Promoted TRANSCAER® North East Tour in New Jersey, which more than 300 people participated in training in Westville, NJ, and Newark, NJ.

Energy

- CCNJ continues to help keep the lights on, and energy prices down with its unique Energy Aggregation program. Collectively, participating companies have saved more than \$100 million on energy costs or about \$166,666 on average per year for the last 16 years .
- In 2015, CCNJ expanded its program to include natural gas procurement, and many participants have already started to save on their natural gas costs this winter.