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PERP Report 2017S10: Sustainability in the Chemical Industry

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Overview

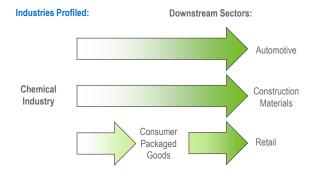
Concern has emerged in recent years as the issue of Climate Change or "Global Warming" has become recognized as having dire consequences to society. The burning of fossil fuels and other industrial and agricultural activities are increasingly viewed as important contributors to these effects. To address this issue, companies have focused on energy efficiency, renewable electricity sources (solar, wind, hydro), biofuels and bio-based materials, and on concepts of the "circular economy" (reuse and recycling of materials).

As companies address the sustainability of their own operations, they are increasing their expectations of suppliers. A meaningful sustainability policy with commitments, metrics, and regular reporting in corporate documents is becoming imperative in the chemical sector.

Report Contents

This report profiles sustainability programs in the chemical industry and in several industries downstream of the chemical sector.

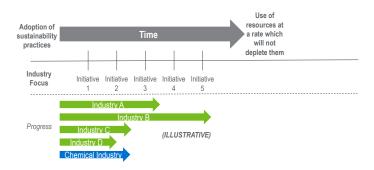
Industries Profiled:



For each industry, Nexant examines the impact key initiatives have on the value chain and on operations within the industry and compares the chemical industry's progress to that of downstream sectors.

Corporate sustainability efforts follow a general progression which, theoretically, will eventually lead to fully sustainable operations. The lines blur and efforts begin on the next segment before completion of the first, but generally companies target the easier initiatives first. Harder initiatives tend to be adopted later.

Illustrative Sustainability Timeline:



Questions Addressed

- · What are the key drivers affecting corporate sustainability?
- What is the current sustainability landscape of the chemical industry and downstream sectors?
- How are companies approaching sustainability efforts?
 How dedicated are they to their programs?
- Which industries have been most affected by the global sustainability movement?
- What are key trends affecting sustainability? What trends have the sustainability movement caused?
- What is the future direction of sustainability? How will this affect the chemical industry?

Who Should Buy This Report?

This report helps **industry players** compare their sustainability programs to those of their competitors and will help them to tailor their efforts to consumer demands and future trends. It is also a valuable resource for **investors** seeking to examine how a company's sustainability program compares to that of its peers, helping them assess how well a company has mitigated risks associated with sustainability, regulation movements, and the effects of climate change.

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