



Environmental Stewardship

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The National Demolition Association's (NDA) member companies are committed to practices that protect the environment and have a reputable track record of environmental stewardship. NDA members are also firmly committed to assisting communities in the wake of devastating man-made and natural disasters and recovering in the most effective and safest manner possible. NDA is concerned that certain regulations, while well-intentioned, can place a significant administrative burden on demolition contractors. In recent years, federal agencies have proposed costly and burdensome regulations with little consideration for the impact they would have on businesses or environmental stewardship.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- NDA supports balanced, scientifically based environmental stewardship policies with measurable and attainable goals for American businesses.
- NDA supports the EPA's Brownfields and Superfund grant programs and is committed to working with the federal government to facilitate the appropriate handling of hazardous areas.
- NDA supports sensible government policies regarding end-of-life management that take into account the impact on demolition contractors.
- NDA supports the continued implementation of laws reforming the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and will assist federal agencies with their role as necessary.
- NDA supports the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) efforts and other initiatives to encourage water conservation and use-efficiency in new and existing structures as long as those programs are voluntary, cost-effective, affordable, and consider consumer preferences.
- NDA believes any changes to the Clean Water Act should reasonably balance environmental objectives with regulatory certainty and protection of property rights for private stakeholders and landowners.
- NDA opposes attempts by federal agencies to create duplicative, contradictory, and unnecessary standards for employers engaged in disaster recovery and clean-up operations.
- NDA supports disaster recovery assistance that returns displaced residents to their homes and encourages the timely rebuilding of disaster-impacted areas.

REQUEST

NDA urges Members of Congress and the Trump administration to ensure environmental and disaster response policies are effective, grounded in sound science, and take into consideration the unique characteristics of the demolition industry.

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