



Third-Party Verification of Responsible Care-Related Information in the Sumitomo Seika Integrated Report 2025

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■ Purpose of Verification

The Responsible Care Report Verification is intended to present the opinions of experts in the chemical industry from the Responsible Care Verification Center regarding the items listed below in the "Sumitomo Seika Integrated Report 2025" (hereinafter "the Report"), prepared by Sumitomo Seika Chemicals Co., Ltd (hereinafter "the Company"). The scope of verification is limited to Responsible Care-related information provided.

1. Reasonableness of calculation and aggregation methods for performance indicators (numerical data) and accuracy of the numerical data
2. Accuracy of information other than numerical data
3. Evaluation of Responsible Care activities and CSR activities

■ Verification Procedures

- At the head office, we investigated the reasonableness of the methods used to aggregate numerical data reported from each site (business offices, factories, etc.), as well as the accuracy of information other than numerical data. The investigation was conducted by interviewing personnel responsible for each business operation and those in charge for preparing the Report, collecting documentation, and hearing explanations from each responsible person.
- At Himeji Works, we investigated the reasonableness of calculation methods for numerical data reported to the head office, the accuracy of numerical data, and the accuracy of information other than numerical data. The investigation was conducted by interviewing personnel responsible for each business operation and those in charge for preparing the Report, collecting documentation, hearing explanations, and cross-checking the data and information with evidence.
- For the investigation of numerical data and information other than numerical data, a sampling method was applied.

■ Opinions

1. Reasonableness of calculation and aggregation methods for performance indicators (numerical data) and accuracy of the numerical data
 - Reasonable methods are applied for calculating and aggregating numerical data at the head office and Himeji Works
 - Performance figures are collected and aggregated accurately through various measures, such as highlighting differences from the previous year's data to raise awareness, managing trends, and implementing double checks at the time of data submission.
2. Accuracy of information other than numerical data presented in the Report
 - We have confirmed that the information provided in the Report is accurate. At the draft stage, we pointed out minor issues regarding the appropriateness of expressions and the clarity of the text. However, these issues have since been corrected, and no further corrections are required.
3. Evaluation of Responsible Care activities and CSR activities
 - We commend the company's efforts, the company has established the Carbon Cycle Society Task Force (hereinafter referred to as 'TF') under the Sustainability Committee to monitor the schedules and progress of each project, discuss solutions to issues through monthly TF secretariat meetings, develop detailed plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and address medium to long-term technological challenges such as

utilizing non-fossil fuels and improving the performance of the PSA carbon dioxide gas recovery and purification system to capture CO₂ emissions from boilers.

- Under the “SEIKA Basic Safety Rules”, the Company promotes the practices of “pausing and then taking a deep breath before starting work” and “bring each other’s attentions to any unsafe behavior” which clearly explain their importance in an easy-to-understand manner. We highly appreciate the Company’s thorough commitment to these fundamental safety principles.
- We commend the Company for its long-term commitment to engaging with the local community and society, through initiatives such as hosting career experience programs for junior high school students sponsored by Hyogo prefecture, as well as internships with multiple schools, including two junior high schools, two high schools, three technical colleges, and many universities.
- For the annual Responsible Care activities, the Company compiles the activity plans and results of each department at Himeji Works and other plants into a single booklet and distributes it to all departments to raise awareness of these initiatives. This approach also enables comparison among departments and is recognized as an effective practice.
- We appreciate the Company’s earnest efforts to ensure business continuity, including conducting disaster prevention drills at Himeji Works related to ethylene oxide, a major high-pressure gas raw material, and significantly reducing atmospheric emissions through the installation of the long-awaited ethylene oxide recovery and incineration equipment.
- The materials provided this time present the Company’s Responsible Care initiatives in a clear and easy-to-understand manner.


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