



Chemical Industry Advisory Committee Lawsuit Backgrounder

Trade agreements are negotiated and implemented amidst tremendous secrecy with little opportunity for public oversight or input. While the public is shut out, industry has an inside track to trade negotiators.

The United States Trade Representative has nearly two dozen industry advisory committees that it consults on a regular basis. These committees are divided into types of industry, such as chemicals, wood products, paper, and energy. It provides these committees secret information that is not available to the public, such as the proposals on the table in negotiations and the U.S. bargaining strategies.

In the early 1990s, as many as 800 industry executives sat on these committees and **not one environmental representative**. In response to public outrage at this preferred industry access to the trade negotiators, the U.S. Trade Representative added a few environmental representatives to a handful of the advisory committees, but not the industry advisory committees.

Several environmental organizations successfully challenged the industry advisory committees on wood and paper products. In the fall of 1999, a federal district court order the government to stop using these committees until they have environmental representatives under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which requires that advisory committees be fairly balanced in terms of the views represented. This statute is designed to make the federal government accountable and fair when it establishes and uses advisory committees. The government has appealed that ruling.

This lawsuit challenges the chemical industry advisory committee, which is limited to people who represent “the views and interests of a U.S. business in the chemicals or allied products industry sector.” The members of the Chemicals & Allied Products advisory committee are:

First Name	Last Name	Company
Ann	Ammons	Eli Lilly and Company
Lori	Anderson	The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.
Julie	Archuleta	Occidental Chemical Corporation
Robert	Branand	National Paint & Coatings Association
F. H. Chip	Brewer	S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.

First Name	Last Name	Company
Morris	Chafetz	Hemisphere Polymer & Chemical Company
V. M. (Jim)	DeLisi	Fanwood Chemical, Inc.
Katherine	Dutilh	Milliken & Company
Donald	Ellison	SACMA
Phillip	Ellsworth	Pfizer Europe
James	Enyart	Representing Solutia, Inc.
Frank	Farfone	The Dow Chemical Company
Roger	Fisher	Representing Amoco Corporation
Geoffrey	Gamble, Esq.	E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
Charles	Hinnant	Charkit Chemical Corporation
F. Milt	Hunt	Representing American Crop Protection Association
Joseph	Imler	Merck & Company, Inc.
Adrian	Krygsman	Troy Corporation
Marvin	Lackey	Eastman Chemical Company
George	Mackie	Representing Crompton and Knowles Colors Inc.
Rosemary	O'Brien	CF Industries, Inc.
K. James	O'Connor, Jr.	Chemical Manufacturers Association
Bruce	Petersen	National Petrochemical and Refiners Association
George	Phillips	Representing Union Carbide, Inc.
Lisa	Raines	Genzyme Corporation
Louis	Santucci	The Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association
Larry	Sargert	PPG Industries, Inc.
Dawn	Shiley	Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association
Henry	Stoebenau	Rohm and Haas
David	Tonucci	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
Max	Turnipseed	Representing Buffalo Color Corporation
Aracelia	Vila	Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals
Ford	West	The Fertilizer Institute