

ABGPA Midstream Association – Code of Conduct

The members of ABGPA Midstream Association (ABGPA) rely on the volunteers serving on the ABGPA's committees (including subcommittees and other working groups) to apply their expertise and experience objectively to recommend guidance and action plans on key issues and to develop and maintain specifications, standards, procedures, and methods for operational matters, for the good of the entire midstream industry and its customers. To encourage and respect the contribution of volunteers' time and talent, ABGPA requests all participants in the committee process adopt the following best practices:

1. **Read and comply with the ABGPA's By-laws and Antitrust Compliance Policy.** Although not a substitute for reading the whole policy, see the following Antitrust Compliance Policy – Highlights for Meeting Participants.
2. **Do not tolerate harassment, discrimination, or any activity that is considered a violation of local, state, or federal laws.** Additionally, ABGPA will not tolerate any violence or threat of violence. No concealed or visible firearms, knives or weapons of any kind are allowed at ABGPA events.
3. **Solicitation activities for the purpose of selling products/services or handing out promotional materials during events are strictly prohibited.** ABGPA is committed to creating a safe and open environment where Members can collaborate in a space that is free from solicitation in any form.
4. **Respect the purpose of each meeting.** Each meeting should have an agenda distributed in advance consistent with the charter or mission of the committee. Respect fellow attendee's time by staying on topic. Meeting time is not the appropriate time for a sales pitch for individual products.
5. **Be prepared for meetings.** Read the agenda, prior meeting minutes, and other meeting materials in advance. Familiarize yourself with the issues and anticipate potential discussion topics and solutions prior to the start of meetings.
6. **Join the discussion and contribute your ideas.** Respect and encourage diverse perspectives.
7. **Respect the process for the ABGPA's public dissemination of information.** Distribution of committee ideas or discussions prematurely may interfere with committees producing recommendations targeting benefits for the industry and its customers.

Any breach of ABGPA's Code of Conduct policy may result in revocation of ABGPA Membership.

ABGPA Midstream Association Antitrust Compliance Policy – Highlights for Meeting Participants

ABGPA is, by its very nature, groups of competitors whose concerted action will be under strict scrutiny by law enforcement. Although the ABGPA's members gather for good purposes, benefiting the industry and its customers, all have to keep in mind the antitrust compliance basics:

1. Never agree to limit, or pursue unfair methods of, competition.
2. Do not exchange information about anything competitively sensitive with a competitor. Member representatives should not seek to collect data directly from other members or industry participants. Instead, the ABGPA will establish proper protocols for any collection of sensitive data, guided by legal counsel, such as confidentially by staff or by independent third-party consultants, using safeguards to ensure no single member's data can be determined.
3. No member will be penalized for failing to furnish data.
4. Certain topics are so sensitive, you should never discuss them with a competitor, including pricing, allocation of customers or territories, supply, boycotts, or the tying of one product to another. For example, it is illegal for competitors to reach any understanding affecting the price of a product or a service even if that understanding will benefit consumers. Similarly, discussion of issues related to prohibited topics, like credit or other terms of a sale, should also be avoided.
5. Technical research and standards must be developed objectively to achieve pro-competitive goals, and not to eliminate or seriously disadvantage some competitors or raise substantial barriers to entry into the market. Instead every company should preserve its freedom to conform or not, and to pursue its own research and improvements.
6. Antitrust laws and the ABGPA's Antitrust Compliance Policy do not prohibit specific, legitimate engagements between an individual supplier offering its products and/or services to an individual customer. However, members should be respectful of the right time and forum for sales pitches.

7. If you feel someone is violating the policy, or even if you just feel uncomfortable about a conversation taking place, stop the activity or conversation and tell a staff member or legal counsel right away.

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