

Mission: To provide people of faith with tools for implementing their values as consumers, investors, employees, employers, and citizens.

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[CSR]² Review's Commentary

One of the founding concepts of the *Review* is that our opinion is not what's important, since each individual holds opinions that need to be applied to investment and consumer purchase decisions.

For that to happen, good information needs to be available. (Accurate and timely information makes the invisible hand of the market work effectively. It is the uneven distribution of information that allows market mechanisms to be exploited.)

As you will see in the first feature article, certain proposals from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seek to reduce the amount of information available to investors and others. While we encourage you to look at this issue and reach your own conclusions about whether the EPA proposals are appropriate or not, we at the *Review* view any reduction in already available information on company activities as a step in the wrong direction.

Although we try to avoid taking a stance on most issues, we will always advocate for increased disclosure of company information.

Express Your Values through Action

1. **Interview your investment advisor.** Read the feature on the Principles for Responsible Investment (p. 4) and use the article as the basis for a conversation with your investment advisor about implementing your values in your investments.
2. **Contact your elected officials.** Many of the issues concerning corporate responsibility also have public policy components. Read the article on company toxic releases (p. 2) and consider expressing your views to your representatives in Congress about EPA's proposed changes to the Toxic Release Inventory. Also, read the article on former Soviet President Gorbachev's call for more funding of solar energy (p. 6) and then convey your views about nuclear and renewable energy to your members of Congress.
3. **Vote your proxies.** Review the Upcoming Shareholder Proposal section (p. 8) and look for issues that concern you and/or companies that you own.