

Allen James

Allen James is an expert on pesticides, pest-control products and pest-related health and safety risks - including the threat of West Nile virus from mosquitoes. James currently serves as president of RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment)[®], an association of manufacturers of pesticides used in and around homes, businesses and public areas that promotes the safe and responsible use of these products. In April 2003, he co-authored the article “Understanding West Nile Virus” and has appeared on CNN to discuss issues associated with the mosquito-borne illness.



James studied agricultural and biological sciences while earning a bachelor’s degree at North Carolina State University before going on to earn a Master of Business Administration from East Carolina University. For nine years, he served as executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After working as president and CEO of the International Sanitary Supply Association (ISSA) from 1987-1990, James became the first executive director for the newly formed RISE in 1991. He became president in 2000.

As RISE president, James represents a national association of manufacturers, formulators and distributors of specialty pesticides, which monitors and provides information for legislative and regulatory issues in Washington, D.C., and the rest of the nation. Under the highly respected leadership of Allen James, RISE has grown from a small association with only 12 members to an industry-leading organization with nearly 200 current corporate members, representing more than 90 percent of specialty pesticide production.