

Transportation Community Awareness & Emergency Response

TODAY

DOE Joins TRANSCAER as a Partner

TRANSCAER is pleased to welcome the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Environmental Management (EM) Office of Transportation as a Partner. The EM Office of Transportation is responsible for managing EM's transportation outreach activities including training events, public information products, and coordination with stakeholders. Its goals are to improve dialog with states, tribes, and communities affected by the shipment of radioactive materials and waste through:

- Maintaining a community outreach program that openly communicates relevant, useful information responsive to the public's questions and concerns about the safety, health, and the environmental aspects of radioactive materials transportation.
- Assisting communities along DOE shipping corridors by helping establish and maintain transportation emergency preparedness programs that respond rapidly and effectively to a potential transportation emergency involving radiological material or waste.
- Continuously improving outreach efforts through better communication and dialog with stakeholders.
- Ensuring state, tribal, and local involvement in DOE's transportation planning process.

The EM Office of Transportation meets these goals by assisting LEPCs to review their local emergency response plans, assisting communities to conduct commodity flow surveys, assisting communities to plan and conduct emergency response drills, and sponsoring TRANSCAER workshops. DOE also continuously assesses its program's effectiveness through self-evaluation, feedback from stakeholders, community interviews, and focus groups.



What a great fit! Welcome, DOE, to the TRANSCAER family and to the beginning of a lasting partnership.

For more information about DOE's Office of Transportation outreach program, please contact Bill Spurgeon at William.Spurgeon@em.doe.gov.

Healthy TRANSCAER in the Heartland

State TRANSCAER Coordinators in the Midwest continue to plan and execute numerous Training Tours. In 2005, Iowa TRANSCAER held a Training Tour with 8 community stops. In Spring 2006, eastern Texas held a Training Tour with 5 stops. In August/September 2006, Kansas TRANSCAER held a Training Tour with 10 stops.



The Kansas Training Tour focused on ethanol and provided hands-on training using actual rail and truck equipment. Attendees included Hazardous Material Regional Response Teams, firefighters, and other responders.

To provide the best possible training experience, Kansas TRANSCAER worked closely with local, state and federal response agencies including the Fire Marshall, National Guard, Office of Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Protection Agency, and Kansas Transportation Security Administration.



"We were very excited about bringing this training program to emergency responders across the state," said Larry Thompson, Kansas TRANSCAER State Coordinator. *"This program provided the information and guidance responders and community leaders need to manage and contain hazardous materials incidents and safely restore transportation and other essential services."*

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TRANSCAER Region III Coordinator, Lou Wagner of Union Pacific Railroad was pleased with the event and its turnout. "On September 14th, Kansas TRANSCAER completed the full 10 stop tour. This event had excellent attendance from emergency responders and ethanol producers at each site with approximately 410 trained in total. Many thanks to the companies that participated including BNSF, Union Pacific Railroad, Groendyke Transport, and Hazmat Response, which donated equipment, training personnel and site facilities."

Strengthened by the success of these programs, other states in Region III are planning future TRANSCAER Training Tours. In 2007, Colorado and Nebraska will co-host a Tour that starts in western Colorado and concludes in eastern Nebraska. This event will have 10-15 city stops. In 2008, Iowa will again host a Training Tour with stops planned in communities not covered by the 2005 Tour. Ethanol will most likely remain the focus of these events.

Region III is pleased to report that several railroads, truck lines, state emergency response coordinators, and contractors have already volunteered to assist with these upcoming Training Tours. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lou Wagner at ljwagner@up.com.

TRANSCAER Training in Utah

In July, TRANSCAER Region IV and Utah TRANSCAER trained over 200 fire fighters, emergency planners, and short line railroad operators during two weeks of hazardous materials training in Salt Lake City and in Provo. Topics included:

- Communication and safety when working around the railroad,
- Incident Command and cooperation and safety through the Incident Command system,
- Product identification by DOT markings, placards, vehicle type and shipping documents,
- Hands on training using the BNSF TRANSCAER training tank car, Utah Railway locomotives, and other rail equipment.



Utah's training effort was deemed a huge success by the local emergency responders. Dave Lee, Midvale fire department

stated, "On-going railroad hazmat awareness training opened the doorway to foster a better working relationship between the railroad industry and emergency responders."

As a result of this training, Salt Lake County Fire departments have contacted Utah TRANSCAER and additional hazmat training has been provided allowing responders to work directly with railroad equipment provided by Utah Railway.



Special thanks to Steve Aberton, Manager of Safety for Utah Railway and the Utah State TRANSCAER Coordinator. Steve spent many hours making contacts and coordinating these events. Additionally, thanks to Tony Bacino, Colorado State TRANSCAER Coordinator, and Brock Lowman, BNSF Railway, Co.'s Manager of Hazardous Materials, for providing instruction, and donating and operating the train equipment.

Plans are in the works for a repeat performance in 2008. If you are interested in joining the Utah's TRANSCAER Team, please contact Steve Aberton at saberton@gwrr.com.

Additional efforts hosted by or assisted by BNSF Railway in TRANSCAER Regions III and IV included:

- Montana Training Tour with stops in Glendive, Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Missoula, Thompson Falls, Sandpoint, Idaho, Whitefish, and Great Falls,
- Training Ellensburg, Washington,
- Training in Colorado Springs, Colorado,
- Training at New Mexico State Fire School at Socorro, New Mexico.

Feel free to contact Brock Lowman at William_lowman@bnsf.com with questions.

Michigan in Action

This summer, Michigan TRANSCAER® held eight training workshops spanning the entire state from Detroit to the Upper Peninsula. A total of 253 first responders attended including firefighters, fire chiefs, law enforcement, LEPC staff, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Instructors were provided by the chemical manufacturing, rail
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and trucking industries, and the Michigan State Police. Topics included:

- Duties of railroad dispatchers,
- Duties of railroad conductors,
- Safety improvements on the rail lines,
- Driver requirements for trucking,
- Security features being employed in tractors and trailers,
- Planning for homeland security including State resources available to assist with emergency response such as Regional Response Teams and the 51st Civilian Support Team based out of Battle Creek, and
- TRANSCAER Guidance Manuel.

As a result of these workshops, Michigan TRANSCAER received 20 requests for TRANSCAER workbooks, three requests for on site training for different departments, and training for one Michigan Regional Response Team.

For more information on Michigan TRANSCAER, contact Gil Rider, Dow Chemical Company and the Michigan State TRANSCAER Coordinator, at glrider@dow.com

Kansas City Southern TRANSCAER Events

Kansas City Southern is hosting TRANSCAER hazardous materials training for Shreveport-Bossier City & surrounding communities in Louisiana on November 8-9, 2006, and Laredo & surrounding communities in Texas on November 30th. Topics will include:

- Who to call for help
- Tank car damage assessment
- Proper use ERG Book
- How to approach a rail incident
- Securing rail hazmat data for planning
- Tank car anatomy (Low & High Pressure)
- CO2 & Argon tank cars venting normally
- Non-accident releases & packaging defects
- Emergency locomotive shut down
- Reading train consist shipping documents
- Locomotive fuel tank plugging
- Spill mitigation techniques
- C-Kit Application
- Locomotive anatomy
- Digital derailment tabletop exercise

KCS will provide a locomotive and tank cars for hands-on emergency response training. A classroom boxcar will be onsite. Training will accommodate only confirmed attendees. Contact Karen Davidson at 816-983-1603 to confirm your spot!

Bracing of Packaged Goods

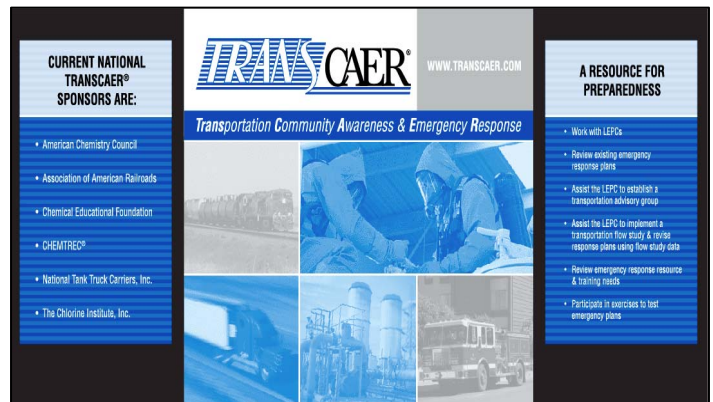
Union/Middlesex Hazards Management Advisory Council (HMAC) will hold a seminar on Blocking & Bracing of Packaged Goods on Thursday, October 26, 2006 - 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Middlesex County Fire Academy, Sayreville, NJ. This seminar is designed to meet the needs of transport or logistics personnel who manage or supervise package loading operations, those who perform blocking & bracing activities, and those who certify such activities.

<u>Course:</u>	
<u>Registration and Continental Breakfast</u>	8:00 a.m.
<u>National Cargo Bureau -What is it? What it does concerning cargo securement?</u>	8:30 a.m.
<u>Liability- What is the certification? & What does your signature mean?</u>	9:15 a.m.
<u>Break</u>	10.00 a.m.
<u>Rail Intermodal Blocking and Bracing Rules</u>	10:15 a.m.
<u>New Century – Practical blocking & bracing issues on Van type trailers</u>	11:00 a.m.

The fee for this seminar: \$45, if registered prior to September 26th. After September 26th, the fee is \$50

TRANSCAER Booths

National TRANSCAER has two new tabletop displays for use at conferences, workshops, and company activities in 2006! Download the order form online at www.transcaer.com.



These tabletops are easy to set up and provide a versatile mechanism to help you communicate the TRANSCAER message. To accompany the display, National TRANSCAER provides a general overview brochure containing information on TRANSCAER's mission, resources, and website.

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