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## Let's Talk

The 1999 Whistle-Stop Tour was a huge success!! After much planning by Norfolk Southern, the National TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> Task Group, Ashland Inc., DuPont, the Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council, Union Carbide, and many others, the Tour went off without a hitch in early October. While many of us were very tired by the sixth stop, we all agreed it was a very worthwhile effort. In total, over 200 different groups exhibited training material and equipment and approximately 2000 attendees participated in the Tour!

This Tour differed from the two previous ones in that it offered scheduled training classes, along with the opportunity to talk one-on-one with the instructors. All agreed that this scheduled training was very well received. Please see the article on page 2 for detailed information on the Tour.

While the National TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> Group has focused much of its effort recently on the Tour, it is time for us to turn our attention to implementing TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> around the country. A good way to direct our focus to that is the TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> Awards. Award nominations are due by December 1<sup>st</sup> and offer a great way for you to recognize companies and individuals who are participating in TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup>. The nomination forms are attached.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, and thank you for your continued interest in TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup>!

Sincerely,

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TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> Chairman  
Norfolk Southern Corporation

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# TRANSCAER<sup>o</sup> Whistle Stop Tour a Success



The Whistle Stop Train!

Free Training. Opportunities to meet with industry representatives. Demonstrations of the latest emergency response equipment. Networking with emergency response professionals. Free food, live music, and prizes.

The 1999 Whistle Stop Tour offered all this and much more. Over 2000 attendees, mostly emergency response professionals, attended this year's tour.



Attendees visit the exhibits.

The Tour, put on by over 200 organizations, began in Wilmington, DE, and then traveled through Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, PA; Cleveland and Columbus, OH and Charleston, WV.

The efforts of all those involved paid off. "This is a great display of current transportation equipment and the hands-on training opportunities offered are rare for emergency responders," stated Ray Beaudry, DuPont, whose job entails traveling

along DuPont's transportation routes to train emergency responders.



Training on the DuPont Car.

Training on rail tank cars and tank truck operations, valves and fittings, and safety features were offered during the Tour. Attendees also had the unique opportunity to climb on and inside tank cars and trucks, operate valves and fittings, and see up-close where safety features are located.

In addition to training on transportation vehicles, attendees learned about possible reactions of chemicals commonly found in the home. Many also attended classes focusing on the importance of the first ten minutes on the scene, CHEMTREC<sup>®</sup>, and how smaller packages of chemicals are packaged and shipped.

Steve Feustel, Granby Heights Fire Department, said, "This has been fantastic for me. We've been able to ask these guys questions that we can spend

a lot of time in books trying to find the answer to, but hands-on is always better.” He continued to say, “We’ve been able to pick up information on where to shut trucks down, how to stop a locomotive, and in things that we just have no prior knowledge of without direct interaction with the manufacturers. This is great.”

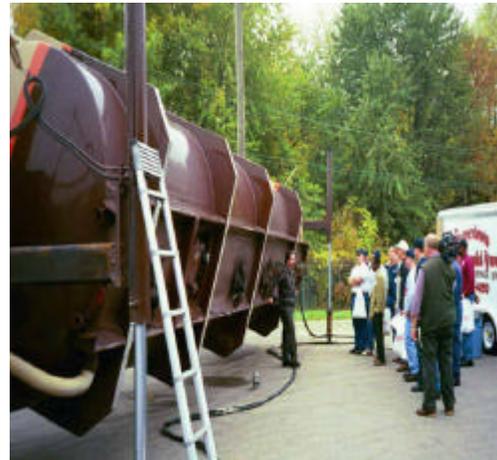


More training on the Rohm & Haas car.

The value of the Tour was recognized not only by the attendees and the organizers, but by local mayors, state and federal officials, and emergency preparedness agencies. In Wilmington, state Representatives David H. Ennis and Joseph G. DePinto provided opening remarks and in Harrisburg, Lt. Governor Mark Schweiker did the same. Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Columbus each had representatives from their local emergency planning agencies speak, and in Charleston, Al Brown, EPA Region III, provided the opening remarks.

Debbie Donovan, Sunoco, Inc., summed up her experience in the 1999 Whistle Stop Tour by stating, “participating in the Whistle-Stop Tour with other shippers and carriers gave Sunoco the

opportunity to talk to emergency responders about our commitment to safety, our response capabilities, and the information we have to assist them in the event of an incident.”



Attendees view a demonstration of a tank truck roll over.

*If you would like more information on the Whistle-Stop Tour, including how to participate in the future, please contact Heather Rhoderick at 703/741-5258.*

**A special thanks to these companies for organizing the Whistle Stop sites**

- **Ashland, Inc.**
- **DuPont**
- **Norfolk Southern Corporation**
- **Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council**
- **Union Carbide Corporation**

**For a list of significant participants, see attachment A.**

## Call For TRANSCAER<sup>0</sup> Award Nominations

It is time to nominate companies, teams, and individuals that have excelled in TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> involvement throughout the year for the TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> National Achievement Award and the Regional Approach Award.

National Achievement Award

The National Achievement Award winners are nationally recognized as leaders in the TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> initiative and the promotion of emergency preparedness along their distribution

and transport routes. The winners are publicized in trade publications, press releases and conferences.

To be eligible for the National Achievement Award, a company must demonstrate its commitment to TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> in four areas: activities, organizational commitment, financial support, and manpower investment.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway won the 1998 National Achievement Award for a carrier. In 1998, BNSF conducted training events for over

2,800 emergency responders and distributed various publications and materials, including contact and emergency response information, to communities along their transportation routes. With over 40 employees working on TRANSCAER® related issues, BNSF demonstrated what it takes to become an outstanding leader in TRANSCAER®.

Other past winners include: Chevron Chemical Company and Conrail, 1997; Exxon Chemical Company and CSX Transportation, 1996; Hoechst Celanese and Union Pacific Railroad, 1995; BASF and Rohm and Haas, 1994; DuPont and Union Pacific Railroad, 1993; and, Roadway Express and Dow Chemical Company, 1992.

#### Regional Approach Award

State teams, organizations, groups of people, and in extraordinary cases, individuals, working on the TRANSCAER® initiative are eligible for the Regional Approach Award. These awards are

based on four categories: planning, organizational development, community interaction and events, and positive public opinion. The award is designed to recognize instances in which TRANSCAER® is being implemented with success.

Past winners include: 1997: PA and WA State TRANSCAER® Teams; 1996 WA State Team, Caldwell Parish LEPC, Rick Hotz, Exxon, Greg Johnson, Dow Chemical, Dick Latimer, Dow Chemical, Tom Murta, CSX, and Charlie Rowton, Exxon; 1995: IL State Team; NY State Team; Dan Middleton, Monsanto; and Doug Webb, Shell Chemical.

*To submit a nomination for either award, use the nomination forms attached to this newsletter. All nominations are due by January 1, 2000. For more information on the awards, please contact Heather Rhoderick at 703/741-5258.*

## Regional News

In response to reader suggestions, this section will focus on TRANSCAER® activities in each of the regions. Following are some examples of what states are currently working on. Please let us know what your area is doing, large or small, so we can pass it on and inspire other states to do the same. *Submit all Regional News Items to Renee Galen at 703/741-5303 or renee\_galen@cmahq.com.*

#### Region IV

Texas – The Texas TRANSCAER® team is conducting a survey of the LEPC/Counties' transportation emergency response preparedness. The survey asks about flow studies that the County may have done or drills that they may have participated in. The team will use this information to determine the Counties' strengths and weakness in transportation emergency response. This information, which will be presented at the November meeting in Wichita Falls, will be used for planning the TRANSCAER® team activities for next year.

*For additional information, please contact Ralph Smith, Equistar Chemicals, LP at 281/474-0411 or ralph.smith@equistarchem.com.*

#### Region V

Nebraska – Earl Rudolf is the new state coordinator. He is a fireman – ER trainer from Freemont, Nebraska. *If you are interested in participating on the Nebraska TRANSCAER® team, please contact Earl Rudolf at 402/727-2688 or ffd2@teknetwork.com*

Kansas – The TRANSCAER® booth was displayed at the August NASCAR Truck Expo in Topeka. This was a good opportunity to share the TRANSCAER® message with the public, emergency responders, professional drivers, and truck transport companies. The team also focused on recruiting new TRANSCAER® staff team members from the trucking industry.

Colorado – A second mailing of TRANSCAER® material was sent to all state fire departments and LEPC's. *If you are interested in participating in the Colorado TRANSCAER® team, please contact Chrys Kelley at 303/692-3442.*

# Conferences and Workshops

## Chlorine Training

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chlorine Emergency Plan (CHLOREP) seminar took place November 10-11, 1999 at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Center in Ontario, Canada. The two-day seminar featured presentations, exhibits, and problem solving workshops.

A special note was the luncheon speaker, Chief Bob Crawford, Toronto Fire Services. Mr. Crawford's presentation was "The Public and Private Sectors Joining Forces in Emergency Response." Other presentations included "CANUTEC and Chlorine Response in Canada," "A Railway's perspective on Hazmat Transportation and Emergency Response," and "Toronto Fire Service Hazmat Response

Emergency responders and Chlorine Institute members were also able to solve real life situations. The problem solving workshops featured opportunities for attendees to gain hands-on experience with the chlorine emergency kits, observe a tabletop drill of a chlorine incident, and case studies of past incidents.

The Toronto Fire Services has been actively involved in planning the workshop. Their involvement helped insure the workshop's success for all attendees--industry and emergency responders alike.

Jack Aherne of the Chlorine Institute comments: "this is a great opportunity for industry and public personnel to meet and work together on emergency response prior to an emergency."

CHLOREP is the initiative of the Chlorine Institute. CHLOREP has been advising and assisting in the resolution of chlorine transportation emergencies in the United States and Canada for since 1970. In the event of a chlorine emergency, CHLOREP teams are dispatched by CHEMTREC<sup>®</sup>, CANUTEC, or through direct contact. CHLOREP then takes action to contain and dispose of the incident.

*Program and registration information are available at [www.cl2.com](http://www.cl2.com), or contact Cheryl Windsor at. 202-872-4734 or [cwindsor@cl2.com](mailto:cwindsor@cl2.com).*

## TRAINING NEWS

### **CXY Chemicals and CSX Transportation host TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup>**

#### **Drill**

CSX Transportation, CXY Chemicals, and the New Orleans Fire Department conducted a Hazardous Materials Emergency response TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> training exercise on October 19, 1999, at CSX's Gentilly Railyard in New Orleans, LA.

The exercise was intended to provide hands-on emergency response and clean up by all interacting groups. By allowing all those who would possibly be involved in an incident to work together,

exercises like this help prepare responders and industries for an actual incident.

The training exercise involved a simulated truck/train incident with spilled Sodium Chlorate Crystal (UN1495/Class 5.1 Oxidizer) from a hopper car. The car was pushed down a rail spur and collided with a tanker truck of Hydrochloric Acid (UN1789/Class 8 Corrosive). Since Hydrochloric Acid is routinely shipped through this area, the drill provided responders the

opportunity to learn about its properties during an incident.

Other participants included Matlack Inc., CET Environmental, and the New Orleans Police Department. Invited guests included the Louisiana State Police, Louisiana DEQ, USDOT, AAR BOE Inspector, Louisiana Chemical Association, USEPA, Local Media, Louisiana TRANSCAER®

Task Force, and the TRANSCAER® Regional Coordinator.

*For more information on the Hazmat Exercise please contact W.R. "Bill" Gleason, Manager Environmental Hazardous Materials, CSX Transportation at (504) 244-4316.*

## **Chevron Chemical Company Marine Emergency Response Drill**

In a joint effort with Tokyo Marine, the Chevron Richmond Refinery, and the Chevron Chemical Company, conducted a marine tanker drill at the Chevron Richmond Refinery on October 26-29, 1999.

There were two concurrent incidents during the drill. One was a major release of crude oil from a storage tank at the refinery, and the other was a release of a Chevron Chemical product which involved a parcel tanker docked at the Richmond Refinery Long Wharf.

The drill joined together Chevron and Tokyo Marine personnel, local responders, and industry experts to work together to handle an incident involving hazardous materials and crude oil.

The three day event consisted of a one day TRANSCAER® Workshop, half day of pre-drill training, the drill, and a critique session.

*For more information, please contact Summer Camp at (713) 754-2532.*

## **Safety Train Contacts**

The following is a listing of contacts for several industry run "Safety Trains." The purpose of the "Safety Trains" is to provide practical, hands-on training by bringing rail car safety training out of the classroom and onto the tracks. These cars are used to provide training primarily to emergency responders (industry training also occurs) who may respond to transportation emergencies involving hazardous materials.

The "train" is a tank car fitted with different types of loading and unloading devices and safety equipment found on actual tank cars. Some of the companies listed below may have training tank trucks as well. The training is provided free to emergency responders.

Please contact the company "Safety Train" representative listed below to get a schedule for "trains" that may be coming to your area, or to get involved in a training session

**BNSF/Chevron – Brock Lowman, 785/435-2337**

**BP-Amoco - Contact: Gary Zimmer 847/963-9220**

**DuPont- John Smoot – 615/535-7534**

**Millennium Chemicals – Bob Risberg, 513/530-6915**

**Union Pacific Railroad - Contact: Arla Roquet at 817/878-4507**

logo and message around town, check these out!

They are 100% heavy weight cotton, with an embroidered TRANSCAER® logo on the upper left hand side. Available in Forest Green or Natural, sizes M, L, XL, and XXL. \$31.50 each. Order number 026041.

**TRANSCAER® Patches:** These patches are sew-on and display the “Partnerships that Work” design. Quantities of 25 are \$36.50. Order number 026040.

**TRANSCAER® Community Awareness Guide:** This step by step manual helps those implementing TRANSCAER® and other others who interface with the public to develop a communication plan regarding hazmat transportation. The guide includes information on effective outreach programs including defining objectives and audience, selecting community outreach techniques and developing and delivering your community outreach message. Use it as the cornerstone of your communications strategy. Price: \$25.00. Order number 180005.

**TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> Guidance Manual:** This manual provides guidelines for creating a TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> partnership between interested communities and industry and includes information on training resources, conducting flow studies and exercises. Price: \$35.00. Order number 026037.

**TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> Video:** Intended for a general audience this ten minute video provides a brief introduction to TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> and describes its purpose and how it helps both communities and the chemical industry. The ten minute segment repeats 6 times to allow for continuous run—great for a display table! Price: \$15.00. Order number 180006.

## **You Be the Chemist Kits for Children**



The new K-3 *You Be the Chemist* Educational Kit is available through the Chemical Educational Foundation (CEF)! This new children's educational curriculum includes a Teaching Guide, Student Activity Handouts, a poster, and a sing-a-long cassette with two songs: "A to Z of Chemicals" and "Chemicals Make the World a Better Place to Be." The program is designed to meet AAAS Benchmarks for grades K-3.

*The cost per K-3 Kit is \$15 for shipping and handling. Discount prices for orders of 100 or more. To order, call CEF at 703/527-6223, ext. 116*

The TRANSCAER<sup>®</sup> Newsletter is published on a quarterly basis. Your articles and suggestions are welcome. If you have any questions or would like further information, contact the editor, Renee Galen, at 703/741-5303 or [renee\\_galen@cmahq.com](mailto:renee_galen@cmahq.com).

