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Let's Talk

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Let me call this edition of Let's Talk a "Call to Arms"! We are now in the 3rd quarter of the year 2000. I am sure many of the faithful TRANSCAER® proponents have been busy with related activities in their state or region. I am equally sure that these faithful ones have been working their schedules to do what they can within their overwhelming business calendars. This newsletter will host stories and successes nationwide detailing your efforts.

I have noticed, however, that there are vacant chairs at the National TRANSCAER® Task Group (NTTG) meetings and at some state TRANSCAER® meetings. We've had a lack of familiar faces, welcome advice and support. Participation has dwindled from the highway and chemical industries. How goes your year? What is happening in your arena? What can TRANSCAER® do to help your efforts? What can we do to encourage you back to keep the national TRANSCAER® effort at peak performance?

Please remember the beneficiaries from TRANSCAER® are the men and women of the emergency services teams all across our country. These are the responders who deal with disasters large and small, day after day. The true goal of TRANSCAER® is to help the LEPC's and response teams be truly functional and prepared in the event that something goes wrong in transportation.

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There are a lot of state teams out there that need our support. We have states that are still struggling to get their LEPC network up and running. There are rural communities that are thirsting for knowledge and training. We've got work to do to finish our new website. We are trying to make the resources of our group easily available to all. With the limited number of man-hours now available to all of us, we need a smarter, faster way to husband our resources and share information.

A "Call to Arms?" You bet! Come join us at the National TRANSCAER® Task Group or at state TRANSCAER® meetings, roll up your sleeves and give us your strength and guidance. We miss you.

Brock

Brock Lowman
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway
2000 TRANSCAER® Chairman

Planning for the Future

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group (NTTG) recently completed the 2000 TRANSCAER® Strategic Plan. This plan will steer the TRANSCAER® effort in the US for the next five years, as TRANSCAER® works to expand, more effectively manage its resources and utilize available technology.

The strategic plan identifies TRANSCAER®'s mission as 'improving community awareness of and emergency preparedness for hazardous materials in transportation.' This mission guides TRANSCAER® activities at both the national and state levels. The NTTG has the responsibility of providing leadership at the national level, and resources and assistance to regional coordinators and state teams. The regional coordinators and state teams are then responsible for working within their region or state to bring TRANSCAER® to the community level.

The strategic plan focuses the NTTG activities on five main areas: resource management, communication, alliances and TRANSCAER® sponsors, regional approach support and performance measurement. Regarding resource management, the plan calls for the NTTG to develop and maintain a website and database which includes information on TRANSCAER® resources, activities and contacts. The NTTG will also work to prioritize the US counties based on hazmat emergency preparedness necessity, and use this information to help place resources in the areas they are most needed.

Communicating about TRANSCAER® and securing TRANSCAER® sponsors go hand-in-hand. The plan emphasizes the need to work with others who are conducting hazmat transportation emergency

preparedness activities. To do this it will be necessary for the NTTG to actively communicate information about TRANSCAER® teams and activities and to invite interested parties to become a TRANSCAER® sponsor.

In addition, the NTTG will support the regional and state coordinators by holding TRANSCAER® workshops targeted to the coordinators, and by developing new and updating current TRANSCAER® tools, resources and publications.

Finally, the strategic plan mentions developing TRANSCAER® performance measures which will help the NTTG and others to assess the impact TRANSCAER® has on communities. This will then allow the value of TRANSCAER® to be concisely communicated to its key stakeholders.

These five key areas in the strategic plan allow TRANSCAER® to build on its strengths—involvement from those with a stake in emergency preparedness and fostering large events—and address its opportunities—communication and coordination between those involved in TRANSCAER® and resource management.

For a complete copy of the 2000 TRANSCAER® strategic plan, contact Heather Rhoderick at (703)741-5258 or by email at heather_rhoderick@americanchemistry.com.

Implementation North of the Border

This is the second article in a three-part series on TRANSCAER® in Canada. While the first article provided information regarding how TRANSCAER® is structured, this installment focuses on how TRANSCAER® is implemented throughout Canada.

TRANSCAER® and the implementation of it in Canada is managed by the Canadian Chemical Producers Association (CCPA). The CCPA is the chemical industry trade association in Canada. Since the CCPA members are chemical manufacturers, TRANSCAER® in Canada is a bit more chemical-industry focused than in the US. Canadian TRANSCAER® participants are quick to point out that without the transportation industry's participation, the initiative would not be as successful as it is.

Canadian TRANSCAER's® objectives are to: 1) increase cooperation between the chemical and transportation industries; 2) reduce the number and severity of transportation incidents and their impact on people and the environment; and 3) reduce public concern about the hazards and risks of transportation incidents.

To meet these objectives, Canadian TRANSCAER® has a national committee and four regional committees. The national committee was formed in 1988, although TRANSCAER® actually started in early 1986 in British Columbia. When the national committee began, the British Columbia TRANSCAER® effort became the 1st Canadian regional committee. Three other regional committees were then formed: The Prairies (1989), Ontario (1990) and Quebec (1991).

The national committee is comprised of CCPA members, transportation representatives and the Regional committee chairmen. The Committee's responsibilities are set forth in a mandate.

TRANSCAER® National Committee Mandate:

- Support regional committees with resources, administration and coordination
- Establish national priorities and objectives
- Develop benchmarking techniques and define best practices
- Foster partnerships
- Promote community outreach and public involvement

In addition to the mandate, the national committee has a list of overarching priorities. The priorities include the development of a video and an awards

program as well as a tracking system, to track TRANSCAER® activities meeting certain criteria. The committee also hopes to clarify and improve transportation route risk assessment tools. These priorities will help address the varying activity levels of TRANSCAER® throughout Canada, and will help promote the consistent implementation of TRANSCAER® in Canada – both by companies and regions. The regional committees are empowered to create their own TRANSCAER® priorities, as long as they are consistent with the National TRANSCAER® mandate. Below are examples of types of activities the regions conduct:

British Columbia The regional committee has focused its attention on holding one-hour police lectures in order to familiarize the officers on how to respond to a chemical transportation incident. They have also implemented two-day community responder training programs for firefighter, police and ambulance personnel. The region typically holds one or two major TRANSCAER® events per year, which include displays and presentations emphasizing emergency response resources and response strategies.

Ontario The Ontario regional committee contains of the largest concentration of CCPA companies with over 25 CCPA members participating. Recently, the committee expanded to include members of the Association of Fire Chiefs, Ontario Trucking Association and various federal and provincial government agencies. The region, in cooperation with other groups, has recently completed a very large and effective outreach event in Toronto. They have also organized a transportation route/risk workshop to assist CCPA members in meeting their Responsible Care® obligations.

Prairies The regional committee originated "Partners in TRANSCAER®," a concept where communities are specifically assigned to TRANSCAER® companies. The Prairies have also consistently utilized CCPA's Safety Train. The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railway have been instrumental in helping the committee with the use of the training car.

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The Safety Train is one of the most practical and visible CCPA resources.

Quebec The regional committee established the “Safe Corridors” initiative that manages road

transportation risk analysis on a collective basis. Eleven CCPA member companies have either committed to or participated in the program. The Committee also participated with the Canadian Coast Guard in a marine risk analysis project, and has also cooperated with the North American Emergency Response Training Center to develop and deliver Hazmat Technician Training courses in French and English. TRANSCAER® in Canada is driven by the hard work and professional dedication of all those involved, from both the national and Regional Committees. In much the same way as the US, Canadian TRANSCAER® relies on the chemical and transportation industries to provide the resources needed to help foster emergency response along transportation routes.

In the next issue you will discover what is on the horizon for TRANSCAER® in Canada. For more information, contact Louis Lafarriere, CCPA, at llafarriere@ccpa.com or (613) 273-6215.

Call for Award Nominations

It is time to nominate companies, teams, and individuals for the TRANSCAER® National Achievement Award and the Regional Approach Award. Both awards recognize those who have excelled in their support of TRANSCAER® activities throughout the year. The National Award recognizes a company’s commitment while the Regional Approach Award recognizes an individual or team working to implement TRANSCAER® in a particular state, region or area.

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group encourages companies, state teams, or even individuals to nominate themselves!

National Achievement Award

The National Achievement Award winners are nationally recognized as leaders in the TRANSCAER® initiative and in the promotion of emergency preparedness along their distribution and transport routes. The winners are publicized in trade publications, press releases and at conferences.

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

Last year, Chevron Chemical Company and Norfolk Southern Railway won the 1999 TRANSCAER National Achievement Award in the manufacturer and carrier categories, respectively. In 1999, Chevron conducted 3 TRANSCAER® workshops, a major

emergency response drill, and participated in TRANSCAER® at the national and regional levels.

Norfolk Southern provided a National TRANSCAER® Task Group Chairman for 1999 and sponsored the 3rd TRANSCAER® Whistle-Stop Tour. This tour featured some of the most sophisticated emergency response equipment available, made stops in six cities and trained over 2000 emergency responders—all in the span of one week!

Other past winners include: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, 1998; Chevron Chemical Company and Conrail, 1997; Exxon Chemical Company and CSX Transportation, 1996; Hoechst Celanese and Union Pacific Railroad, 1995; BASF, Rohm and Haas and Norfolk Southern, 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, implementing the TRANSCAER® initiative are eligible for the Regional Approach Award. These awards are based on the nominees’ TRANSCAER® performance in 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.

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There were no award winners in this category for 1999. However, the TRANSCAER® Task Group has heard of many successful activities going on in the TRANSCAER® regions throughout the year, and hopes to receive many nominations this year!

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; 5258.

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, 2001. For more information on the awards, please contact Heather Rhoderick at (703) 741-5258.

Regional News

This section focuses on TRANSCAER® activities in each of the six regions. The following are some examples of activities states are currently conducting. Please let us know what your area is doing so we can include it here. Submit all Regional News items to Heather Rhoderick at (703) 741-5258 or heather_rhoderick@americanchemistry.com.

Region I

Virginia – CSX presented a workshop at the Virginia Hazardous Materials Conference on September 28th. See page 8 for more details.

Region II: Mike Stiner has accepted the position of Region 2 TRANSCAER® coordinator.

Florida – The state TRANSCAER® team recently held a meeting to review the outcome of the 2000 Florida TRANSCAER® workshop, and to begin planning for the 2001 workshop.

Region III

John Ferrell, Arkansas state coordinator, and Ralph Smith, Texas state coordinator, gave a TRANSCAER® presentation to the EPA Region 6 Regional Response Team's Industry Work Group.

Louisiana – The TRANSCAER® Team continues to provide presentations to stakeholders across the state and has completed the 2000 goals they set for themselves.

Arkansas – Garland County hosted a full-scale TRANSCAER® event. See page 9 for more details.

Region IV

Pennsylvania – The state team conducted a survey of state LEPCs. The survey results indicated that 73% of the respondents have participated in a TRANSCAER® event and 93% have internet access. PA TRANSCAER® and Region 3 EPA co-hosted two transportation safety conferences in Wilkes Barre and Erie.

Illinois – The state team promoted TRANSCAER® at the September State LEPC Conference and in conjunction with the Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad, is planning a Whistle-Stop Tour for May 2001. For more information, contact David Kobe, Nalco Chemical Company, at (630) 305-1985.

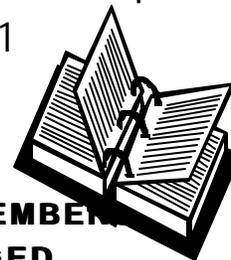
Region V

The 2001 Whistle Stop Tour planning is progressing. The Tour, scheduled for September 2001, will run from Colorado to Missouri. For more information contact Lou Wagner, Union Pacific Railroad, at (402) 271-3520.

Iowa – Shawn P. Burress, The Burress Advisory Group, accepted the position of state coordinator. He is currently in the process of forming a state team. If you are interested or would like more information, contact him at sburress22@cs.com or (402) 861-0480.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TRANSCAER® Workshop
February 27, 2001
Houston, TX



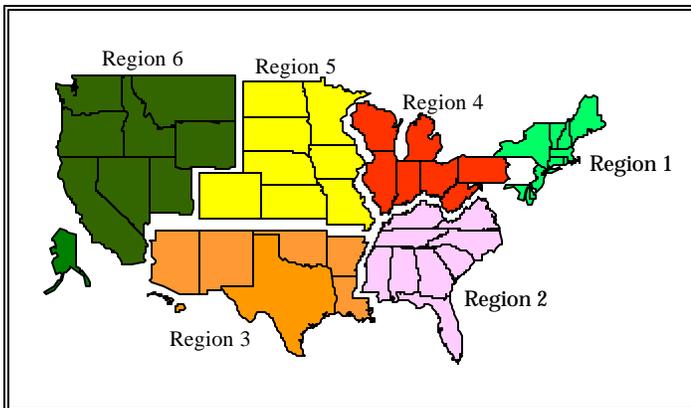
**STATE TEAM MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND!!!**

Contact Heather Rhoderick,
American Chemistry Council,
for more information
(703) 741-5258.

Coordinators' Roles and Responsibilities

Ever wonder who organizes many of the TRANSCAER® activities in your state? Have you wanted to become involved, but were unsure of the effort and time this required? If so, then read on!

Six years ago, a 'Regional Approach' to TRANSCAER® was implemented. This divided the country into six regions (see map below) and created a regional coordinator position for each of the regions. In addition, state coordinators for each state were to be identified.



TRANSCAER® regions across the US.

The responsibilities of the regional and state coordinators include the actual implementation of TRANSCAER®. The regional and state coordinators work together to implement TRANSCAER® projects within their region and state. They are not expected to become personally involved in each individual project. However, they are expected to implement TRANSCAER® programs by utilizing chemical and transportation industry representatives, government representatives, local emergency responders and other interested parties by coordinating activities, information and resources.

Generally, the regional coordinators are a communication link between the state coordinators and the National TRANSCAER® Task Group (NTTG). The regional coordinator participates on the NTTG, helps manage the various state coordinator activities and acts as a mentor to state coordinators.

The state coordinators are responsible for implementing TRANSCAER® in their state. The state coordinator shares information with the regional coordinator, and organizes resources and prioritizes TRANSCAER® activities in the state. Many times a state coordinator will recruit others to help with these activities.

Lists of some possible activities a regional or state coordinator may undertake are listed below.

Regional Coordinators

- Recruit volunteers to serve as state coordinators and on the NTTG.
- Assist state coordinator in establishing, organizing and growing a state TRANSCAER® committee.
- Facilitate communication and information exchange between state coordinators and the NTTG.
- Participate in NTTG meetings (held 4-5 times a year) and report activities in region.
- Commit 1-2 days a month implementing TRANSCAER®.

State Coordinators

- Identify state TRANSCAER® needs and opportunities. Identify and obtain resources.
- Establish a state TRANSCAER® team.
- Provide speakers and/or make TRANSCAER® presentations.
- Provide information on state TRANSCAER® activities, contacts, resources and speakers to the NTTG.
- Provide regular updates on state TRANSCAER® issues to the regional coordinator.
- Commit 1-2 days a month implementing TRANSCAER®.

The current states that do not have state coordinators are listed on page 12. If you are interested in helping TRANSCAER® get started in your state or region, please call Heather Rhoderick at (703) 741-5258. In addition, a listing of current state and regional coordinators is attached to this newsletter.

**Submit your nomination
form for the**



2001 TRANSCAER® Awards

All entries are due by
January 1, 2001

See page 4 for full details

Five Individual Recognition Certificates Awarded!

Five TRANSCAER[®] Individual Recognition certificates were awarded over the summer. All recipients excelled in showing TRANSCAER[®] dedication.

Terry Litchfield, CXY Chemicals, received recognition for his outstanding commitment and support to TRANSCAER[®] during business meetings with carriers. By discussing TRANSCAER[®] during business meetings, the disconnect between safety, Responsible Care[®] and business managers is eliminated. In addition, CXY's commitment to TRANSCAER[®], from its senior management on down, is evident to carriers.

Every year, CXY Chemicals plans, sponsors and conducts one large TRANSCAER[®] event in the US and one in Canada. The last three events in the US were managed by: **Ralph Fremin**, (New Orleans, LA); **Lynn McLachlan**, (DeKalb County, IN); and **Dave Mair**, (St. Paul, MN). Each was recognized for having excelled in exhibiting outstanding TRANSCAER[®] support.

Leland Littrell of RÜTGERS Organics Corporation was recognized with a TRANSCAER[®] certificate for his commitment to the safe transport of chemicals. Despite the daily pressures of his responsibilities, his commitment to TRANSCAER[®] and Responsible Care[®] is unaffected. His work to reduce accidental incidents during chemical transportation directly benefits his company, the environment, and the communities the products travel through.

To nominate someone who should be recognized, submit the "Individual Recognition Certificate" attached to the back of the newsletter.

Training News

"Common Corridor 2000"



"Common Corridor 2000" exercise site.

On September 24, 2000, a full-scale emergency exercise involving CSX Transportation (CSXT), Amtrak, MARC and Metrorail was held in Washington, D.C. (MARC is the Maryland Rail Commuter service and Metrorail is the region's subway system.) The exercise entitled "Common Corridor 2000" trained and tested emergency responders from Washington, D.C. and other surrounding jurisdictions.

The common corridor exercise was so named because of an eight-mile section of railroad where CSXT, MARC, Amtrak, and Metrorail all operate on a single right of way with parallel tracks. An incident on any one of the lines would impact the operations of the other lines.

The incident simulated the concurrent derailment of a CSXT freight train transporting hazardous materials, a MARC train with two passenger cars, and a Metrorail train.



Firefighters responding to the incident.

An incident of this magnitude would tax the resources of any community. This exercise helped to identify deficiencies in planning, training and equipment. From this viewpoint, the exercise was a tremendous success because it helped to prepare everyone involved.

For more information, please contact Scott Gorton, CSX Transportation, at Scott_Gorton@csx.com or (410) 525-8233.

21st Century Emergency Response Exercise

On September 28, 2000, as part of the continuing TRANSCAER[®] effort in Virginia, CSX Transportation (CSXT) sponsored an emergency incident management simulation (IMS) at the annual Virginia Hazardous Materials Conference in Virginia Beach. TRANSCAER[®] has been a co-sponsor of this conference and continues to support the conference with workshop presentations each year.

The “interactive tabletop” exercise is one that CSXT has been conducting across its system for the past two years. The exercise simulates the activities of an incident command post at a hazardous materials train derailment. Unlike other tabletop exercises, this one is a fully interactive experience with pre-programmed audio and visual cues for the participants. Using a combination of computer projection, audio recordings and slides, the participants get to see and feel what might happen during a major incident. Because the simulations are generated by computer, they can be specifically tailored to an individual location.

All elements of the incident management system are used in the exercise. The room where the exercise is held is setup with tables for each IMS sector and each

sector is equipped with phones and radios. Each sector can communicate with the incident commander and exercise controller. All aspects of managing a

hazardous materials incident are addressed in the exercise. Participants hear transmissions from the hazmat entry team describing the scene, and they also get messages from “outside” agencies concerning power outages, water pollution, and other effects from the incident.

“This type of exercise has been a very time and cost effective way to test emergency plans and to demonstrate the capabilities of our company to emergency responders,” said Skip Elliott, Assistant General Manager-Hazardous

Materials Systems for CSXT. “The interactive tabletop provides an unparalleled level of realism in responding to a railroad emergency which heightens the educational value for the participants,” continued Elliott.

For more information, please contact Scott Gorton, CSX Transportation, at Scott_Gorton@csx.com or (410) 525-8233.

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Show **your** commitment to TRANSCAER[®]!



Center of table-top booth

Use one of the TRANSCAER[®] booths at your next event. There are two types of booths available, table-top and full size, and both are FREE (excluding shipping charges)!!!

For more information, or to request a booth, please contact Renee Milausnic at (703) 741-5303 or renee_milausnic@americanchemistry.com.



Full size booth

Bringing Teams Together: Garland County Exercise

**“TRANSCAER[®]
has given our
county the push it
needed to bring our
countywide hazmat
team together”**

On June 8, 2000, HazMat teams from all around Garland County, Arkansas, gathered to join in a full-scale exercise that would test their preparedness for a hazardous materials transportation incident. The Hot Springs, Lake

Hamilton and Morning Star Fire Departments; Garland County Office of Emergency Management; LEPC members; Miller Transporters; National Park Medical Center and other emergency response personnel were among the 85 participants who took part in the drill.

The scenario consisted of a car that hit a tanker truck, which resulted in a chemical leak. The driver of the automobile was unconscious and a chemical cloud had engulfed the car. The truck driver was incapacitated and unable to provide responders any information regarding the leaking chemical. Instead, responders had to rely on the transportation manifests in order to verify the truck placards and correctly identify the chemical. This information was then used to develop an accurate plan to rescue the victim and contain the leak. The first entry responders were able to locate the manifests and remembered to check the truck sleeper for other victims – a location that is sometimes forgotten.

Throughout the drill, both county and city responders worked together as one unit. This was partly facilitated by a ‘meet and greet’ the evening prior to the drill. This ‘meet and greet’ allowed participants to get to know each other and ask questions to key participants regarding the drill and the equipment that was to be used. In addition, John Ferrell, Ashland Chemical Company and Arkansas state TRANSCAER[®]

coordinator, introduced the participants to the TRANSCAER[®] initiative, its benefits and other TRANSCAER[®] events ongoing in Arkansas. John Miller, Miller Transporters, discussed Miller’s dedication to TRANSCAER[®] and answered questions regarding the truck being used in the drill.

A drill’s purpose is to test an emergency plan and to identify strengths and opportunities of the plan. A drill’s success can be measured in how the participants use what is learned. For example, at the time of the drill Garland County had only fourteen Class III responders. In the three months following the drill, they have increased their Class III responders to sixty! They have also implemented a 5-week class that allows responders to suit-up eight times and requires every student to be an incident commander once. Garland County also plans to hold two full-scale exercises every year to continue the training, learning and most importantly to foster the communication that has developed between the HazMat responders.

“TRANSCAER[®] has given our county the push it needed to bring our countywide hazmat team together. The ability to work a scene together and be comfortable with each other’s abilities will go a long way in the event of an actual incident,” remarked Joy Sanders, coordinator, Garland County Department of Emergency Management.

For more information on Arkansas TRANSCAER[®] state events, contact John Ferrell, Ashland Chemical Company, at (501) 982-6586. For more information on the Garland County exercise contact Joy Sanders, Garland County Department of Emergency Management, at gcoem@directlynx.net or (501) 622-3785.

TRANSCAER[®] Booth Events

During the past few months, the TRANSCAER[®] Booths have been on the road. Find out where...

Mike Stiner, Norfolk Southern Corporation, displayed the booth at the 17th Annual Metro-Atlanta Fireman’s Muster where approximately 2,000 attended. TRANSCAER[®] and EPA were sponsors of this high profile event.

Mike Woolrich, **Bill Snider** and **Denis Radi**, all of BNSF, displayed the booth at two TRANSCAER[®] railroad emergency response training events in Minneapolis and Dilworth, Minnesota. At the “Big Top” event in Dilworth, 69 fire fighters and emergency service groups took part in the training. In addition to the TRANSCAER[®] tabletop display, the BNSF locomotive and the Chevron TRANSCAER[®] Training tank car were utilized.

Do you have an event coming up and want to use the TRANSCAER[®] booths? If so, contact Renee Milausnic, American Chemistry Council, at renee_milausnic@americanchemistry.com or (703) 741-5303 for a reservation form.

West Florida Railcar Training

Written by Larry McDonald, District 1 LEPC.

The Rohm and Haas Safety Train's arrival in Panama City, Florida this past March provided West Florida's emergency responders with an opportunity to gain insight into railcar safety mechanisms and engineering. Approximately 175 emergency responders from six counties participated in the event.

The Bay Line Railroad, L.L.C., hosted the Safety Train for the District 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Classes were held specifically for the Level III Technician trained personnel from the area's two hazardous materials response teams from Bay County and Okaloosa County. The two teams worked side-by-side in classroom and hands-on settings. They worked on "leaks," tank car valves, and attempted various closure and control

methods on their own. Other classes during the week consisted of four-hour sessions focusing on those trained to a minimum of Level II Operations.

Attendees told the LEPC that the classes were one of the best full-scale hands-on demonstration programs held in the region. With three railway lines traversing West Florida, the Rohm and Haas Safety Train courses have provided an excellent training event for emergency responders so that proper and safe techniques are used in the event of a train

derailment or accidental release.

For more information on the event, please contact Larry P. McDonald, District 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee, at mcdonaldl@wfrpc.dst.fl.us or (850) 595-8910.

“One of the best full-scale hands-on demonstration programs held in the region”

Conferences

32nd Annual CHLOREP Seminar

The Chlorine Institute will sponsor its 32nd Annual CHLOREP Seminar on November 14-15, 2000, at the Baton Rouge Hilton Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The theme for this year's seminar is "Keeping CHLOREP Strong By Sharing Knowledge & Experience."

The seminar will feature four concurrent problem solving workshops: Chlorine Emergency Equipment; Cylinder Incident Table Top; Tank Car Derailment in Crescent, Minnesota; and Tank Car Incident in Bakersfield, California. Seminar participants will have the opportunity to rotate into each workshop.

The evening activities will include an opening reception and exhibit where participants will have an opportunity to network and learn about the products and services of the exhibitors.

Participants who complete the training will receive a certificate for 14 hours of emergency response training to chlorine-related incidents.

Registration fees are \$150 for participants and \$25 for spouses. Registration is limited to 150 participants, so the time to register is now!

For more details or to register, visit www.cl2.com or call the Chlorine Institute at (202)775-2790.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Chlorine Institute will sponsor a chlor-alkali TRANSCAER[®] workshop in Mobile, Alabama, on June 22-23, 2001. The workshop will include both inside and outside activities.

For more information or to participate in the workshop contact John Aherne, Chlorine Institute, at jaherne@cl2.com or (202) 872-4723.

Safety Trains

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 — Gary Zimmer (847) 963-9220

DuPont — Ray Beaudry (302) 774-3047

Massachusetts Call/Vol. Firefighters Assoc. — John O’Neill (508) 647-6915

Millennium Chemicals — Lou Kistner (410) 229-4431

Union Pacific Railroad — Mike Kelly (817) 878-4507

Safety Train Schedules



BNSF Safety Train Locomotive

BNSF TRANSCAER[®] Training Tank Car (TTTC)

October 26-28	Wichita Falls, TX
November 1	Temple, TX
February 24, 2001	Chaffee, MO
March 12-16	Salt Lake City, UT
March 19-20	Helper, UT
March 22-23	Ogden, UT
March 26-17	Salt Lake City, UT
April 16-18	Torrance, CA

BP Safety Train

October 16-31 East Chicago, IN

Announcements

Coming Soon: A New & Improved TRANSCAER® Newsletter

Thank you to all who responded to the *TRANSCAER® Newsletter* survey! You'll see your suggestions and comments incorporated in the next edition of the *TRANSCAER® Newsletter*.

Starting in 2001, you'll see more in-depth articles on resources available to help with community emergency preparedness—including training, examples of how companies are implementing TRANSCAER® and activities that are taking place across the country. The newsletter will continue to provide information on the National TRANSCAER® effort, and the TRANSCAER® activities in each state.

Again, thank you for the comments, and be on the look out for a new and improved *TRANSCAER® Newsletter* in 2001!

For more information, contact Renee Milausnic, TRANSCAER® Newsletter Editor, at (703) 741-5303 or renee_milausnic@americanchemistry.com.

Become a State Coordinator!

Help coordinate and spread the TRANSCAER® message in your area!! In order to fully utilize the possibilities of the TRANSCAER® Regional Approach, every region and state needs a coordinator. If you would like to help spread the TRANSCAER® message, or know of anyone who would, please contact Heather Rhoderick at (703)741-5258. For more information on the duties of regional and state coordinators, see page 6.

Regional coordinators are needed for Region 3, Southeast, and Region 6, West.

State coordinators are needed for: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont and Virginia.

We would like to welcome the new regional coordinator for the following region:

Region 2 – Mike Stiner, Norfolk Southern Corporation, (404) 529-2242 or mestiner@nscorp.com.

We would like to welcome the new state coordinators for the following states:

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To order any of these items, contact American Chemistry Council Publications Fulfillment at P.O. Box 522, Annapolis Junction, MD, 20701-0522, phone: (301) 617-7824, fax (301) 206-9789. The American Chemistry Council accepts checks, money orders, and credit cards (VISA, MasterCard and American Express). If you wish to charge your order, provide your name as it appears on the card, the card number, the expiration date, and your signature.

Golf Shirts: If you'd like to sport the TRANSCAER® 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. \$39.95 each. Order number 026041.

TRANSCAER® Patches: These patches are sew-on and display the "Partnerships that Work" design. Quantities of 25 are \$62.50. Order number 026040.

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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: \$105.00. Order number 180005.

TRANSCAER[®] Guidance Manual: This manual provides guidelines for creating a TRANSCAER[®] partnership between interested communities and industry and includes information on training resources, conducting flow studies and exercises. These are available free of charge to community members. To order contact Renee Milausnic at (703) 741-5303.

TRANSCAER[®] Video: Intended for a general audience this ten minute video provides a brief introduction to TRANSCAER[®] and describes its purpose and how it helps both communities and the chemical, transportation and emergency response industries. The ten-minute segment repeats 6 times to allow for continuous run—great for a display table! Price: \$30.00. Order number 180006.

The **TRANSCAER[®] 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 Milausnic at (703) 741-5303 or renee_milausnic@americanchemistry.com.

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TRANSCAER[®] NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nomination Form—Due by January 1, 2001

The National Achievement Award recognizes extraordinary efforts by individual companies in support of the TRANSCAER[®] initiative in the geographic areas through which they operate. This form describes the four areas upon which the TRANSCAER[®] National Achievement Award is based and the weight of each area. One award may be given in both the manufacturer/shipper and carrier categories, with no requirement that an award be given in either category.

Please include a written description of the company's activities supporting each category. Quantify the description by providing information on the measures listed, if applicable. If other measures are more appropriate for the company, include those as well.

If this is a self-nomination, it is recommended (although not required), that letters from other organizations in support of the nomination be submitted.

The anticipated length of a submittal is 3-4 pages. Additional information which demonstrates the company's commitment to TRANSCAER[®] may be attached.

An example of a possible nomination is attached.

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Name of company nominated: _____

Nominated by: Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone/Fax/email: _____

If a self nomination, are letters in support of the nomination being submitted?

YES NO

1. Activities: Weight 30%

Describe the activities the company initiated during the current year which significantly support and directly relate to the TRANSCAER[®] mission. Only activities billed as TRANSCAER[®] events should be included. Include information on how the company influenced others to participate in TRANSCAER[®] and the results of this effort.

Also include information on the geographic areas through which the company transports hazardous materials/chemicals. Explain the rationale for participating in TRANSCAER[®] in the areas mentioned above.

Possible Measures

1. Number of LEPCs/Communities contacted
2. Number of TRANSCAER[®] billed activities participated in
3. Number of TRANSCAER[®] billed activities conducted/initiated
4. Number of in-kind donations to LEPCs/Communities
5. Number of companies or organizations participating in TRANSCAER[®] due to company's activities

2. Organization Commitment: Weight 30%

Describe how the company's organizational structure demonstrates significant commitment to TRANSCAER[®]'s goals and objectives. Include information on the reporting relationships of those involved, evidence of executive level support and on company activities that support the TRANSCAER[®] philosophy but are not billed as TRANSCAER[®] events. Please also describe how the company participates in the National TRANSCAER[®] effort.

Possible Measures

1. Number of TRANSCAER[®] activity or contact forms submitted by company
2. Number of activities that support the TRANSCAER[®] philosophy
3. Number of company-generated publications/articles on TRANSCAER[®] (is TRANSCAER[®] mentioned in the annual report, write-ups in other newsletters, submissions to TRANSCAER[®] Newsletter, etc.)

3. Financial Support: Weight 20%

Quantify the company's financial support of the TRANSCAER[®] initiative. Only include activities that are directly related to the TRANSCAER[®] initiative and are billed as TRANSCAER[®] events. Do not include personnel time.

Possible Measures

1. Amount of funding given directly to the National TRANSCAER[®] Task Group
2. Amount of funding directly applied to TRANSCAER[®] billed events

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4. **Manpower Investment: Weight 20%**

The company's manpower investment in TRANSCAER[®] support.

Possible Measures

1. Number of company people participating in TRANSCAER[®]
2. Number of man hours spent on TRANSCAER[®] initiatives billed as TRANSCAER[®] events. (may include approx. dollar amount)
3. Number of man hours spent on company activities that support the TRANSCAER[®] philosophy (not billed as TRANSCAER[®] events)

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TRANSCAER[®] REGIONAL APPROACH AWARD

Nomination Form—Due by January 1, 2001

The Regional Approach Award was established to recognize outstanding efforts of state teams or other groups of people (state associations sponsoring TRANSCAER[®], those involved in a certain project, etc.) and in extraordinary circumstances, individuals, in support of the TRANSCAER[®] regional approach. This form describes the five areas the TRANSCAER[®] Regional Approach Award is based on. The weight of each category will be dependent on the amount of time spent on each activity, written in by the nominator.

Up to two awards may be given each year, with no requirement that an award be given.

Please include a written description of the activities supporting each category. Quantify the description by providing information on the "Topics to Consider" list, if applicable. If other topics are more appropriate, please include those as well.

If this is a self nomination, it is recommended (although not required), that letters from other organizations or individuals in support of the nomination be submitted.

The anticipated length of a submittal is 2-3 pages. Please feel free to attach any additional information which further demonstrates a commitment to TRANSCAER[®].

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Name of state team or Association nominated: _____

Nominated by: Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone/Fax/email: _____

If a self nomination, are letters in support of the nomination being submitted?
YES NO

1. **Planning: **Percentage of time spent on planning: _____ %**
Describe the planning activities, on-going or complete, on a state wide basis regarding TRANSCAER[®].

Topics to Consider

1. Identify annual goals for the state.
2. Identify the TRANSCAER[®] implementation plan for the state.
3. Are succession planning or co-coordinators in use?
4. If an association, identify the association's plan regarding how it will continue to participate in TRANSCAER[®].

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2. **Organizational Development: **Percentage of time spent on Org. Develop.: _____ %**

Describe the progress TRANSCAER[®] implementation has made in the past year at the state and regional level, whichever is appropriate. Relate implementation to the nine TRANSCAER[®] steps. Include a brief description of how the state/region was operating last year and how TRANSCAER[®] is being implemented in the state/region this year.

Topics to Consider

1. Identify the types and numbers of companies participating in TRANSCAER[®] in the state or region [transportation, chemical, Community Advisory Panels (where available), government, etc.].
2. Identify the organization structure of the state or region (organization charts, team members roles, etc.).
3. Include information on how the state or region prioritizes areas of the state or region to focus on.
4. Associations or other groups may include what their role has been in progressing the state or region.

3. **Community Interaction and Events: **Percentage of time spent on interaction: _____ %**

Describe the increase in the amount of TRANSCAER[®] activities taking place in the state this year. Briefly describe the amount and types of activities in the state in the previous year. Associations may also provide a list of the activities they participated in or conducted.

Topics to Include

1. Amount of increase of TRANSCAER[®] activities in the following areas: drills, hazmat emergency response plans evaluated, community contacts, flow studies, etc.
2. Number of TRANSCAER[®] database forms submitted.
3. Number of ongoing community contacts.

4. **Positive Public Opinion: **Percentage of time spent on this: _____ %**

Describe how the activities mentioned above have influenced public opinion in the areas they were held.

Topics to Consider

- Number of positive news articles written on TRANSCAER[®] activities.
- Thank you letters from government officials or community members.

**Note: the weight of these activities will vary depending on the stage the state is in. Nominators should fill in the percentage of time spent on each item)

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TRANSCAER[®] INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

To request a recognition certificate for an individual, please fill out this form and submit it to:
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1. Your name, company and phone number: _____
2. Name/Company of Individual to be recognized: _____
(please spell correctly) _____
3. Please briefly describe what this person is being recognized for:

4. Who should the certificate be mailed to:
Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____

5. When should the certificate be mailed: Date: _____
6. Please indicate EXACTLY what should appear on the certificate (spell correctly, PRINT or type):
Line 1 (suggest: name): _____
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