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Let's Talk

1999 has started out with a bang for TRANSCAER[®]. After agreeing at the end of 1998 to hold the third Whistle-Stop Tour this October, the National TRANSCAER[®] Task Group began planning for this large-scale event. In addition to planning for the Tour, the Task Group was also planning for its workshop in April—which turned out to be a huge success!!

The TRANSCAER[®] workshop drew over 50 people from 21 different states. For the first time, the workshop boasted representatives from across North America. The attendees indicated that this was one of the best TRANSCAER[®] workshops they had attended, and all indicated that they would most likely attend another TRANSCAER[®] workshop. All attendees also indicated that the quality of the workshop was excellent and that the information provided was very useful and pertinent to their responsibilities.

Now that the workshop is complete, the Task Group will be focusing its efforts on the Whistle-Stop tour, which we hope will attract some new companies to participate in TRANSCAER[®]. The group also hopes to have the Prioritization Study results communicated to all state coordinators and will help them incorporate these results into their planning process.

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Along with all of these other activities, the National Group is in the beginning stages of developing a TRANSCAER® performance measure. Any thoughts you have on an appropriate performance measure would be useful to the Group. You may contact me directly at 404/529-2242, or contact Heather Rhoderick, CMA, at 703/741-5258 with your comments.

As 1999 Chairman of the NTTG, I look forward to leading TRANSCAER® throughout 1999 and would greatly appreciate your support in these efforts!

Sincerely,

Mike Stiner
TRANSCAER® Chairman
Norfolk Southern Corporation

BNSF Receives TRANSCAER⁰ National Achievement Award!

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway was named the 1998 TRANSCAER® National Achievement Award winner. The National Achievement Award is given to companies who demonstrate outstanding support of TRANSCAER®. The award is based on a company's TRANSCAER® accomplishments in four areas: activities, organizational commitment, financial support and manpower investment.

"Thanks to BNSF for supporting a great working relationship with the State and counties of Montana," praises Fred Cowie, Hazmat Program Coordinator for the State of Montana. By conducting training events for over 2,800 emergency responders along their transportation routes, BNSF has bridged relationships not only in Montana but in 17 other states as well. In the event of an incident, having these relations formed is instrumental to handling an emergency swiftly and correctly.

In the spirit of TRANSCAER®, BNSF has formed relationships with many of their shippers. Most notably, a partnership with Chevron allows Chevron to use the BNSF training "safety train" for a portion of each year. When BNSF took over operations of the safety train from Chevron, they

rebuilt and refurbished the train, adding a prominently displayed TRANSCAER® logo.

Emergency preparedness support from BNSF doesn't just end at training. When BNSF visits a community, they leave behind contact and emergency response information. This includes various publications developed by BNSF and the transportation and chemical industries, traffic flow study information, and Operation Respond software which enables responders to instantly identify the contents of a rail car.

While over 40 of BNSF's employees work on TRANSCAER® related projects, two in particular, Mike Woolridge and Denis Radi, also received individual recognition for their personal TRANSCAER® contributions. (See following article.)

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group thanks everyone who submitted award nominations. Without such dedicated companies and individuals, the program would not be as successful as it is. *For more information on the BNSF TRANSCAER⁰ program, contact Brock Lowman at 785/435-2337.*

**BNSF is also a Responsible Care® Partner Company.*

Nine Win TRANSCAER® Individual Recognition Award

Nine individuals recently received the 1998 TRANSCAER® Individual Recognition Award for their outstanding participation in TRANSCAER® activities throughout the United States. Award winners included three people from Ferguson-Harbour Inc.: Denny Day, who serves as the Tennessee state coordinator, Mark Munley, and Cecil Whitlock, who serves as the Alabama state coordinator. BNSF had two award winners: Dennis Radi, who serves as the North Dakota state coordinator, and Michael Woolridge. There were also two winners from Norfolk Southern Railway: Ron Miller and Joe Oliver. Dennis Greenfield of FMC Corporation and Kansas state coordinator,

and Jerry Smith of A & O Environmental & Industrial Services also received the award.

Winners coordinated a variety of activities such as hazmat and emergency response drills, initiating and carrying out state TRANSCAER® plans, and educating local communities about the TRANSCAER® initiative.

Individuals can be nominated for Individual Recognition Awards by anyone who would like to recognize them for their outstanding efforts in promoting and implementing TRANSCAER® activities. *If you would like to nominate someone to receive the award, please contact Heather Rhoderick at 703/ 741-5258.*

Highlights From the 1998 TRANSCAER® Workshop

Listening to EPA and DOT representatives . . . hearing first-hand how TRANSCAER® benefits emergency responders . . . taking a tour of CHEMTREC® . . . learning about different state and company TRANSCAER® programs . . . networking with others involved in TRANSCAER® . . . If you missed the TRANSCAER® Workshop last month, you missed the opportunity to do all of these things and more!

Washington, DC was the host city for the 1999 TRANSCAER® workshop, where over 50 people gathered to learn more about TRANSCAER®. The workshop began with an overview of the projects the National TRANSCAER® Task Group is working on, including the Whistle-Stop Tour (see page 5), the TRANSCAER database and a possible TRANSCAER® performance measure.

A truck, rail and chemical industry representative discussed why and how their company participates in TRANSCAER®. Overwhelmingly, the companies cited a heightened emergency preparedness and response focus and improved relations with those communities along their hazmat transportation routes as primary reasons for participating in TRANSCAER®.

Ron Miller, Norfolk Southern, and Kimberley Avsec, US Coast Guard, detailed a recent drill they held in Cleveland, OH. They described each step of the drill - from planning and preparation to evaluation - and the problems they encountered along the way. Attendees learned about some of the pitfalls and successes experienced by this team. For example, the presenters discussed how the drill took on a life of its own as more and more groups heard about it. They explained how they maintained control of the drill to ensure that it met their original purpose and needs.

Both a DOT and EPA representative talked about different programs they have in place which help support TRANSCAER® and its activities. The DOT hazmat training grants program was explained, as well as the role of LEPCs and SERCS.

A TRANSCAER® Regional and State coordinator teamed up to talk about how to get a TRANSCAER® state team started and how to maintain and manage the team and its projects. Each focused on including all those involved—from both the private and public sectors—with hazmat transportation. The necessity of assigning a co-coordinator or chair, holding state planning meetings, and learning from the experiences of other TRANSCAER® groups was also reinforced.

Dave Finlayson, a Canadian TRANSCAER® representative, reviewed the status of TRANSCAER® in Canada. He explained that in some ways Canadian TRANSCAER® is very similar to U.S. TRANSCAER®, and in other ways it is very different.

At the close of the first day, attendees heard from a local emergency responder on his experiences with TRANSCAER® and how TRANSCAER® activities help him in his job. He reinforced the importance of TRANSCAER® and the commitment companies involved make in the program.

On the second day, attendees had the opportunity to tour the CHEMTREC® emergency response center, where they saw first-hand how emergency calls are handled. Attendees also participated in small discussion groups, focusing on topics such as selling TRANSCAER® to management and partnering with others on TRANSCAER® projects. These small sessions gave everyone an opportunity to share their experiences, as well as gain ideas from others as to how they may address specific issues in their state or company.

The attendees rated this year's workshop as one of the best ever! For those of you that were not able to attend, look for articles in upcoming issues of the TRANSCAER® Newsletter describing the issues discussed during the most popular presentations. The National TRANSCAER® Task Group thanks all who attended and looks forward to seeing everyone at next year's workshop! *For more information about the workshop, contact Heather Rhoderick at 703/ 741-5258*

Regional News

In response to reader suggestions, this section will focus on TRANSCAER® activities going on in each of the regions. Following are some examples of what some states are currently working on:

Colorado: TRANSCAER® brochures and surveys are being sent to each LEPC and fire department in the state. Results will define areas with little or no emergency response plans. TRANSCAER® presentations and training were available at the Rocky Mountain Hazmat conference, May 3-7, and the TRANSCAER® state website is nearing completion!

Kansas: A state planning meeting was held in February and the TRANSCAER® booth was displayed at several disaster awareness events.

Missouri: Met to plan usage of DOT training funds in relation to TRANSCAER® needs, and a large scale drill is planned for October in Kansas City.

Nebraska: TRANSCAER® presentations were given at the state fire conference earlier this year.

Texas: The group met in March and discussed encouraging the Texas Chemical Council to participate in more TRANSCAER® activities. New goals were discussed to expand community outreach, increase the use of flow studies, drills and training, and to encourage membership growth. The group agreed that some type of measure for individual company commitment to TRANSCAER® was needed. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25 at the Haltermann plant.

All-Aboard!!!: Whistle Stop Tour Update

Planning for the 1999 Whistle Stop Tour is well underway! Each of the site teams has held planning meetings and has determined their site locations, and the teams are in the process of lining up all the exhibitors! At each site stop, displays and information on how chemicals are transported by trucks, rail and barge will be available. People will

have the opportunity to do some hands-on training and see the types of containers that hazmats are transported in. There will also be an opportunity to talk to chemical industry officials regarding their training programs.

General information on each of the sites follows.

Stop	Date	Contact Name	Contact Number	Site Location
Wilmington, DE	Monday October 4	John Clawson, DuPont	609/540-2574	I-95 @ Frawley Stadium
Harrisburg, PA	Tuesday October 5	Nancy Arnold, PCIC	717/232-6681	I-81 @ Cameron Street
Pittsburgh, PA	Wednesday October 6	Tim Mannas, Conrail	412/893-7311	AMTRAK Station
Cleveland, OH	Thursday October 7	Ron Miller, Norfolk Southern	419/483-1450	Euclid Yard
Columbus, OH	Friday October 8	Jean Bohan, Ashland Chemical Company	614/790-4124	Bulkmatic, Thoroughbred Bulk Transfer facility
Charleston, WV	Saturday October 9	Jim Bailey, Union Carbide	304/747-7536	State Capitol

Look for detailed information on the whistle-stop tour, including who will be displaying what and training opportunities, in the next issue of TRANSCAER® news!

For more information, contact the site team coordinator or Heather Rhoderick, CMA, at 703/741-5258.

Conferences and Workshops

The Chlorine Institute Sponsors TRANSCAER® Workshop

In an effort to address concerns of emergency planning groups about the transportation of chlor-alkali chemicals, The Chlorine Institute (CI) is hosting a TRANSCAER® Workshop in Memphis, Tennessee June 4 and 5, 1999.

The workshop, which will be held at The Memphis Cook Convention Center, will include presentations on product reviews of CI's mission chemicals, TRANSCAER® in North America, and information

from Memphis area LEPC and medical field representatives.

The two-day workshop will also include field demonstrations and drills designed to educate participants about the different types of emergency equipment available and how they can be used. Don't miss your chance to attend this informative workshop! For registration information, contact The Chlorine Institute at: 202/ 872-4734.

TRAINING NEWS

Safety Train is Right on Track in Massachusetts!



A boxcar from the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association Safety Train displays the associations own reporting marks - "MCVX".

The "Great Train Wreck" of Sherborn, Massachusetts in 1994 was just the beginning of a public and private sector partnership initiated by Lt. John O'Neill of the Sherborn Fire Department and member of the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association. The simulated training exercise, conducted in part by Conrail, was designed to give firefighters hands on experience in handling HAZMAT incidents along rail lines in the surrounding Massachusetts communities. Since then, Lt. O'Neill, Project Coordinator for the association, has worked hard to organize what is now a Safety Train.

The Safety Train was established with tank car donations from three tank car leasing companies: ACF Industries, Union Tank Car Corporation, and General American Tank Car. Lt. O'Neill and members from the Conrail Hazardous Materials Department, Skip Elliott, Director of Hazardous Material Systems and Romano DiSimone, Manager of Hazardous Materials, Selkirk, New Jersey, began to organize training sessions along the Conrail lines in Massachusetts. Now in its

third year, the safety train has traveled throughout Massachusetts, and into several other states including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. "In 1998 alone, the train visited 22 locations in 7 different states, more than most safety trains visit in 1 to 2 years," stated O'Neill. In addition, the Safety Train "contains the only pieces of rail equipment in the country registered to a fire organization, under the reporting marks 'MCVX' " according to O'Neill.

The initial three tank cars have been joined by two Conrail boxcars, one of which has been transformed into a traveling classroom, remodeled to resemble an old, Victorian railroad station. The classroom contains a section with every type of valve found on a tank car. These mock valves assist in the hands on identification of the mechanical workings found in tank cars. A caboose from CSX was recently added to the train after their acquisition of Conrail. The complete five-car Safety Train will be unveiled at a ribbon cutting ceremony in late June at a CSX yard in Jacksonville, Florida.

The train has received commendation from several Massachusetts officials, including Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry. In a letter to Lt. O'Neill, Congressman Curt Weldon, founder of the Congressional Fire Services Institute, wrote, "The safety train being used by the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association is a prime example of how we can meet the ever-growing need for hazardous material training of emergency responders."

Now part of CSX, the original members of the Conrail team will continue to work with Lt. O'Neill and the Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association to promote training exercises for emergency responders around the

country. Lt. O'Neill stated that, "With more volunteer firefighters in the U.S. than paid firefighters, it is of the utmost importance that these people are trained to handle emergencies correctly, for the safety of communities and the environment." He hopes that after the great success of this safety train, that "other transportation organizations will step forward to volunteer training experience and equipment to launch a second Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association Safety Train. After such a victory with the first one, this vision doesn't seem too far away. *For more information on the Safety Train, contact Lt. John O'Neill at 508/ 655-2761.*

Norfolk Southern Sponsors Several Training Drills

In the Hot Zone!

As part of a company-wide effort to support TRANSCAER®, Norfolk Southern regularly sponsors TRANSCAER® Training Programs. Three of those events were recently held in Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama. The events, which all began with 2 to 3 days of training classes, were followed by emergency response drills designed to give participants hands-on training skills to utilize in case of an actual emergency.

In Marietta, Georgia, over 150 firefighters and emergency responders from 11 fire departments in Cobb and Cherokee Counties participated in the emergency response drill on September 4, 1998. Participants in the drill had to stop a simulated release from DuPont's CAER Training Tank Car while DuPont and Norfolk Southern instructors looked on.

Also in September, Norfolk Southern sponsored an event in Asheville, North Carolina, where 75 participants from Asheville and Buncombe County agencies participated in a drill videotaped by local TV crews.



At a drill in Marietta, GA, emergency responders prepare to stop a simulated release.



Ed Cozerf (l) and John Smoot (r) of DuPont were instructors at the Cobb County, GA TRANSCAER® event in September.



A "victim" being moved to a safe area at the Ashville, NC drill.



Vehicles used in Sheffield, AL drill in November.

In November, Sheffield and Colbert Counties in Alabama held classes and a drill for 175 participants from nine local agencies. Occidental Chemical Company furnished the tank cars used for the TRANSCAER® drill, and Mike Stiner, National TRANSCAER® Task Group Chairman and Georgia State Coordinator provided training tips for the participants.



Georgia State Coordinator and National TRANSCAER® Task Group Chairman, Mike Stiner, conducting a training session in Sheffield, AL.

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.

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

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.

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® 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. Price: \$35.00. Order number 026037.

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 industry. The ten minute segment repeats 6 times to allow for continuous run—great for a display table! Price: \$15.00. 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, Jennifer Huth at 703/741-5303.