

The Envelope Please...

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group announces Nexen Chemicals and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) as the 2000 TRANSCAER® National Achievement Award



Paul Little, TRANSCAER® chairman, presents the TRANSCAER® National Achievement Award to BNSF's Dave Dealy

winners in the shipper and carrier category, respectively. The Louisiana TRANSCAER® State committee is the winner of the 2000 TRANSCAER® Regional Approach Award.

Thomas Sugalski, president of Nexen Chemicals, accepted the award at the annual American Chemistry Council General Membership Meeting in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Nexen was awarded this top honor for a shipper because of its achievements in raising community awareness regarding the safeguards being pursued by the chemical transportation community. They were also successful in improving emergency response along transportation corridors. In the past year, Nexen has held emergency response drills, flow studies and reviewed emergency pre-

paredness plans in the communities through which its products pass.

Dave Dealy, vice president of Transportation at BNSF was presented the award at the annual Association of American Railroads/ Bureau of Explosives Annual Hazardous Materials Seminar in Dallas, Texas. This is the second time BNSF has won the National Achievement Award for a carrier. Last year, BNSF hosted emergency response workshops and training sessions in over one hundred communities in which BNSF operates. BNSF has committed employee time and leadership to TRANSCAER® by providing a National TRANSCAER® Chairman in 2000 and six state coordinators.

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Region V 2001 Training Tour

Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) are proud to be sponsors of the TRANSCAER® Region V 2001 Training Tour this fall. Consisting of training tank cars and highway trailers, the Training Tour will be traveling across several Midwest states from September 4 to October 12, 2001.

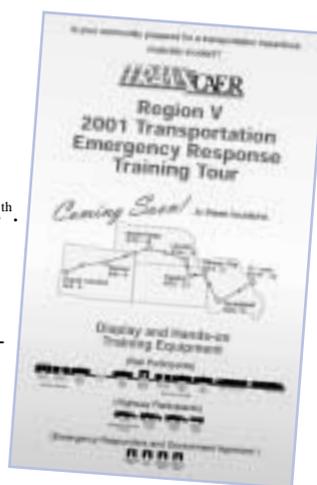
The tour will begin on September 4th in Grand Junction, Colorado. It will travel through Nebraska, Kansas and end five weeks later in St. Louis, Missouri, on

October 12th.

One feature of this tour, different from other TRANSCAER®

whistle stop tours, is the multi-day training that will occur at each of its eight stops. This allows more emergency responders, LEPC members and community members to participate in emergency

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Training: Getting Everyone Involved

From the Chairman

This issue of *TRANSCAER® Today* highlights training and drills for emergency preparedness. Training and drills are critical steps to prepare our communities for possible hazardous material incidents. Training and drills build first responder confidence and allow them to hone their skills, helping to assure a safe response to hazmat incidents.

Encourage your first responders to participate in your company's training or host your own community drill. The community will benefit from the training and will learn about your company's approach to a hazmat incident. In addition, company and community personnel develop camaraderie. Having these skills and relationships are critical during a transportation incident.

Training is also a great opportunity to build TRANSCAER® awareness and demonstrate your commitment to transportation safety. Drills allow local media the chance to safely understand the complexities of a hazmat incident and why the safety of the responders and the public are first priority.

Training and drills are an important step in the TRANSCAER® process, so consider enhancing your company training by involving community members. It's the Responsible Care® and TRANSCAER® thing to do!

Paul Little, Rohm & Haas

Workshop Success

The 6th Annual Florida TRANSCAER® Workshop held on April 11-13, 2001, attracted 146 participants from 66 different agencies. Participants represented fire-rescue, hazardous materials teams, emergency medical services, law enforcement and private companies from throughout Florida. Classroom and hands-on exercises highlighted this year's workshop.

Classroom training topics included HAZMAT Chemistry, water reactives, chlorine, cryogenics, personal protective equipment, MSDS, Flammable liquids, mini-CAMEO, ammonia, hot products, agricultural chemicals, LP Gas (basic and advanced), compliance issues, Florida Department of Environmental Protection and table-top exercises.



Hydrogen Tanker Class

The field hands-on sessions included: tank trucks; chlorine kits; plus dam, dike, and decon evolutions. Special agent Hank Everett from the FBI provided an update on
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Spotlight on Region IV:

Training Across the Region

While some Region IV members are hard at work planning TRANSCAER® training events through 2002, other state teams are just forming and seeking participants. Here are some events Region IV Teams are working on:

The **Illinois** state team is assisting the Chlorine Institute with their Annual CHLOREP Seminar to be held in Chicago in November 2001. The Illinois state team is also planning a training event at the Illinois Fire Services Institute on April 26-27, 2002. This two-day event will feature training for rail tank car, bulk tank trailers and intermediate bulk container response. All events will be free to participants, but attendance is limited.

The **Ohio** state team is sponsoring a student day at the 25th Annual Inland Spills Conference and Exhibit on September 24-25, 2001, at Kings Island Resort in Mason, Ohio.

The **Pennsylvania** state team is planning three training sessions for 2002. Check the TRANSCAER® website for updates on dates and locations.

The **West Virginia** team has completed the pilot for their statewide first responder training program. This is a joint effort by the chemical industries, TRANSCAER®, West Virginia Motor Truck Association and the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services. Training is scheduled to begin in the fall 2001 and will feature a standardized approach to hazmat incidents.

The **Wisconsin** state team, comprised of hundreds of hazmat responders, continues to work toward community awareness and emergency response.

Both **Indiana** and **Michigan** are just getting started and are looking for team members. If you are interested in joining any Region IV state team, contact Paul Little, Rhom & Haas at (215) 592-3435.

For more information on these and other TRANSCAER® training events visit the Regional and State Information section of www.transcaer.org.

Attendees Go Overboard at TRANSCAER® Workshop

The National TRANSCAER® Task Group (NTTG) hosted a workshop in Houston, Texas, on February 27-28, 2001. The workshop, *Fostering Emergency Preparedness and Community Relations*, was an overwhelming success. The event was well attended by state coordinators from across the country and from as far away as Colorado and Minnesota. The workshop evaluations indicated that 91% would recommend the workshop to a colleague as well as attend another workshop themselves.

To kick off the two-day event, attendees were able to spend a sunny afternoon cruising the Houston ship channel aboard the M/V Sam Houston, courtesy of the Houston Port Authority. This gave the attendees the perfect opportunity to network and gain an insiders perspective to the importance of the channel to the Houston economy. Even attendees from the Houston area enjoyed this unique view of the chemistry and transportation businesses supported by the ship channel – which they often miss as they drive by on Interstate 10.

The second day of the workshop featured panel discussions and break-outs on various emergency preparedness topics. Attendees were able to listen to presentations and ask questions of other state

coordinators about their TRANSCAER® programs. The day continued with interactive sessions on planning and conducting flow studies and drills. Attendees were also able to gain general knowledge on the issues affecting hazardous material transportation in different modes: rail, truck, and marine; and then take part in in-depth discussions.

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Attendees received a resource book full of materials to help them institute the items they learned at the workshop. This allows attendees to take home information in a simple and organized manner to help them start or rejuvenate their own state TRANSCAER® team.

All of the resources handed out at the workshop are available online at www.transcaer.org.

One of the most valuable and important resources that attendees received from the workshop was the networking experience. Each attendee left with numerous contacts and business cards for people who can help them spread the TRANSCAER® initiative in their area, or that can provide helpful hints and suggestions based on their experiences.

The NTTG would like to thank all of those who participated in the 2001 TRANSCAER® Workshop.

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response and familiarity training. Also, attendees have the chance to gain real hands-on training on tank cars and highway trailers.

The tour will feature eleven rail cars and several tank trucks and trailers. Companies scheduled to have equipment on-site are: Bayer, BNSF, BP, DuPont, Farmland, Groendyke Transportation, Rohm & Haas, Union Pacific and Webb Area Transportation Companies. Booths from TRANSCAER®, Operation Respond, and EPA will also accompany the Tour. (Note: participants may vary at each location.)

Training Tour Schedule

Grand Junction, CO	4-5	September
Denver, CO	8-9	
North Platte, NE	13-14	
Lincoln, NE	18-19	
Topeka, KS	22-23	October
Kansas City, MO	1-2	
Springfield, MO	5-6	
St. Louis, MO	11-12	

The Tour will also spread the awareness of TRANSCAER® to those who may not be familiar with the initiative. By educating emergency responders and LEPC members about TRANSCAER®, the Training Tour hopes to engage and inspire those key individuals to take an active role in their state's TRANSCAER® program.

Planning this extensive Regional Training Tour has re-energized the TRANSCAER® programs in Region V. This has allowed the state teams to work together, share resources and put together a strong regional TRANSCAER® program. This is really TRANSCAER® at work!

For more information about the Region V Training Tour, contact Lou Wagner, Union Pacific and TRANSCAER® Region V Coordinator, at LJWagner@up.com. Updates on the Tour will also posted on the Region V area of the TRANSCAER® website.

For more information on these or other TRANSCAER® events and stories, visit www.transcaer.org.

Resources at Your Fingertips

At the TRANSCAER® Workshop in Houston, attendees were given resource guides to help them implement TRANSCAER® in their state. Those resources are now available online at www.transcaer.org under Resources. Here are some examples of what you will find:

Ever wonder how states get running, maintain their focus and stay energized? Check out several **state's mission, vision and goal statements**.

Do you want to get the word out about your state TRANSCAER® initiative? See examples of **state TRANSCAER® brochures** online.

Are you looking for examples of how to survey your local LEPC? There are several **LEPC surveys and letters** for you to use and adopt to best suit your needs.

Are you planning an event, but need some help designing a brochure? Examples of **past event brochures** are a great way to get started.

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Weapons of Mass Destruction and Sergeant Michael Hutzheson with the Florida Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Compliance discussed various issues dealing with hazardous materials transportation and compliance during the general session.

A formal dedication ceremony of the Transportation Emergency Training Facility located on Berquist Boulevard at the Florida State Fire College campus provided a special highlight to this year's Workshop.

The next workshop is scheduled for April 10-12, 2002, at the Florida State Fire College. For more information, visit the Florida page under Regional and State Information on www.transcaer.org.

Winners, *continued from cover*

The Louisiana TRANSCAER® state committee was recognized for presenting TRANSCAER® information at three state conferences, surveying all state LEPCs and developing a state mission, goals and objectives. The Louisiana TRANSCAER® state committee is comprised of chemical, transportation, state police and LEPC representatives.



2000 Regional Approach Award

Congratulations to Nexen Chemicals, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and the Louisiana TRANSCAER® state committee! For more information on the awards, criteria, and past winners, visit the Awards section of the TRANSCAER® website.

Individual Recognition Awards

Congratulations to **Scott McLeod, Herman Newell and Greg Henshaw** of Canadian National/ Illinois Central for receiving an Individual Recognition Certificate for their outstanding commitment to TRANSCAER®.

If you would like to recognize someone for their commitment to TRANSCAER®, visit the Awards on www.transcaer.org.

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