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As outgoing TRANSCAER® chairman, I'd like to personally thank everyone involved in TRANSCAER® at the national and state levels for their personal time and commitment to TRANSCAER®. I would especially like to call attention to the six TRANSCAER® Whistle-Stop Tour (WST) site team leaders: Ray Beaudry, DuPont; Nancy Arnold, Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council; Tim Mannas, Norfolk Southern; Ron Miller, Norfolk Southern; Jean Bohan, Ashland; and Jim Bailey, Union Carbide. Their efforts in organizing each WST event resulted in a high quality tour that far exceeded the expectations of local emergency responders, public officials and citizens along the route.

I would also like to thank Heather Rhoderick for her invaluable assistance during the past year. The many TRANSCAER® projects she has handled, in addition to her normal duties at CMA, are a testimony to her dedication to the TRANSCAER® mission. We couldn't have done it without her! Thanks, again.

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As TRANSCAER® puts the 1999 WST behind us, we begin to look forward at the items needed to advance TRANSCAER®. Two items that the National TRANSCAER® Task Group discussed and agreed to at their last meeting include an interactive TRANSCAER® website and an expanded TRANSCAER® database. We are still working out the details on these items, so stay-tuned! When complete, they will provide easy access to information on TRANSCAER® and emergency planning resources, contacts, and activities.

I'm grateful for this opportunity to chair a group instrumental in promoting emergency planning and preparedness, and I encourage all of you to keep up the good work and share your experiences with others!

Sincerely,

Mike Stiner
TRANSCAER® Chairman
Norfolk Southern Corporation

Whistle Stop Tour Attendees Give Tour High Ratings

The results are in and the 1999 TRANSCAER® Whistle Stop Tour was a smashing success! Randomly selected emergency responders were asked to participate in a survey to evaluate the tour and aid in the planning of future tours. Surveys overwhelmingly indicated that the tour provided emergency response personnel information needed to do their job better.

Overall, the survey participants indicated that the rail car demo, the ability to talk to industry representatives, networking with other emergency response professionals, and the exhibits were among

the most enjoyed parts of the Tour. Those surveyed also indicated that they would attend another Tour, that the Tour increased their knowledge about hazardous material transportation, and provided useful hazardous material transportation training. 93% would recommend their colleagues attend a TRANSCAER® Whistle Stop Tour!

For more information on the tour, contact Heather Rhoderick at (703) 741-5258 or heather_rhoderick@cmahq.com.

WST Videos Available

The Chemical Manufacturers Association has released their 1999 TRANSCAER® Whistle Stop Tour video.

This five-minute video takes you "all-aboard" the Norfolk Southern train as it visits Wilmington, DE; Harrisburg, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; Cleveland, OH; Columbus, OH; and Charleston, WV. The video provides footage from each of the stops and includes

interviews with attendees. TRANSCAER® Whistle-Stop Tour planning members should watch their mail for a copy of the video over the next month.

Limited copies are available at no cost by contacting Renee Galen at (703) 741-5303 or renee_galen@cmahq.com.

Regional News

In Response to reader suggestions, this section will focus on TRANSCAER® activities in each of the six 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 III

Texas – The state team continues to hold periodic meetings. They are in the process of survey LEPCs. The group will focus on developing a website for Texas TRANSCAER®. *For additional information, contact Ralph Smith, Equistar Chemicals, LP at (281) 474-0411 or ralph.smith@equistarchem.com.*

Louisiana – The 2000 TRANSCAER® Committee goals include: interaction with other state ER organizations, identification and sponsorship of Louisiana parish LEPC's into the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) and promotion of EPA Region 6 Statewide/Regional Workshops. Presentations at the Louisiana Firemens Association state convention, Louisiana SERC meeting, and the LEPA state meeting are also planned. *For additional information, contact Ralph Fremin, CXY Chemicals, (504) 783-7207 or ralph_j_fremin@cdnoxy.com*

Region V

A Regional meeting was held in Kansas City on February 2, 2000, for the state TRANSCAER® representatives in Region 5. The group examined the possibility of hosting a regional whistle stop event in 2000 or 2001. The group believes that a tour will add value to the state team by generating TRANSCAER® visibility among the state ER leadership, LEPC's and ER community. The first

planning meeting is scheduled for late February in Kansas City.

Detailed information on activities in each of the Region 5 states is highlighted below:

Colorado – The Rocky Mountain Hazmat Conference will feature the TRANSCAER® booth and numerous modal training events. *For additional information, contact Chrys Kelley at (303) 692-3442.*

Kansas --- The state team continues to meet twice a year. The co-chairman, Dennis Greenfield, FMC, will serve on a state ER committee that will establish regional HazMat teams. *For additional information, contact Dennis Greenfield at (785) 842-8776.*

Minnesota – A newly formed State team will have their next meeting in March. The 2000 agenda includes performing a state flow study and coordinating TRANSCAER® events with the seven district ER teams. *For additional information, contact Leon Kozlowski at (612) 454-1427.*

Missouri -- The State continues to implement its TRANSCAER® program while focusing on conducting exercises. *For additional information, contact Larry Thompson at (816) 242-2797.*

Nebraska – A TRANSCAER® presentation was made at the state LEPC conference on October 13, 1999, in Omaha. *For additional information, contact Earl Rudolf at (402) 727-2688.*

North Dakota -- A TRANSCAER® letter was sent to North Dakota's LEPCs. Numerous training events are being scheduled. *For additional information, contact Dennis Radi at (701) 280-7395*

Individual Recognition Certificate Awarded

Congratulations to Sgt. Roy Glass! He has been awarded an Individual Recognition Certificate for his efforts in spreading the TRANSCAER® initiative. Sgt. Glass chaired Washington State's TRANSCAER® Team since its inception in early 1996. Without his energy and commitment, the state team would not have been as successful as it was. His state team wishes him best of luck in all his future endeavors.

Individual Recognition Certificates are awarded to those who have shown excellence in spreading the TRANSCAER® initiative. Certificates are given out throughout the year. If you know of someone who should be recognized please submit the "Individual Recognition Certificate" sheet attached to the back of this newsletter.

Training News

CXY Chemicals Conducts Drill and ER Media Training

As reported in the Fall 1999 TRANSCAER® Newsletter, CXY Chemicals, CSX Transportation, Garner Environmental, Matlack Trucking, and the New Orleans Fire Department Special Operations Division participated in a TRANSCAER® drill held in New Orleans on October 19, 1999. Ralph Fremin, CXY Chemicals, submitted the following pictures to be included in this issue. For more information on the drill, refer to the Fall 1999 TRANSCAER® Newsletter.



Close observance was conducted by several assigned coaches to assure responder safety.

After the TRANSCAER® drill, CXY Chemicals went on to conduct a two-day Emergency Response Workshop. The workshop included an intensive hands-on Hazardous Materials response training for its responders. CXY Responders included employees from its six Canadian plants and the Taft, LA facility. In addition, Hulcher Service Response contractors, OxyChem responders and members of the New Orleans FD HazMat team joined the workshop.

There were three different hands-on scenarios, followed by a training session on the Matlack "Classroom on wheels" tanker. A problem solving tabletop session was also offered. Each of these sessions was designed to provide emergency responders with information to help them handle actual HazMat incidents.



Capt. Dave Tibbetts, New Orleans FD HazMat Team, and Ralph Fremin, CXY Chemicals, discuss strategy during the drill.

Also included in the workshop was CXY Chemicals' media training program that provides emergency responders training on how to interact with the media. This progressive program videotapes drill events and interviews emergency responders. The videotape is then reviewed and critiqued by the workshop attendees. CXY Chemicals conducts this type of training annually with its emergency responders.



Exiting the hot zone for decon.

Another CXY Chemicals hazmat exercise is planned for DeKalb County, Indiana on April 8, 2000.

For more information concerning the TRANSCAER® exercises, please contact Ralph Fremin, CXY Chemicals, at (504) 783-7207.

2000 Florida TRANSCAER[®] Workshop

This spring the Florida TRANSCAER[®] Committee will sponsor a 2000 Florida TRANSCAER[®] Workshop. The three-day workshop will be held April 12-14, 2000. Each day there are several concurrent sessions of classroom and field training.

Classroom topics that will be covered include: chlorine, water reactives, cryogenics, flammable liquids, ammonia, LP gas, and ag chemicals. Field class topics include: tank truck; chlorine kits; dam, dike & decon; hands-on foam; and rail car safety.

This workshop is the Florida TRANSCAER[®] team's primary vehicle to train Florida's emergency

response personnel. The workshop is funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Division of Emergency Management. In addition to the grant, the Florida team receives safety staff support from several chemical manufacturers and transporters, and support from Florida's Fire College facilities and staff. This allows the workshop to be offered free of charge to attendees.

For more information, or a registration form please contact the Florida State Fire College at (325) 732-1330 or at www.fsfcl.edu.

Chevron Provides Training in CA

Chevron Chemical Company conducted a TRANSCAER[®] workshop on October 26, 1999, in Emeryville, California. The workshop provided a forum for all those involved in both the transportation and response of hazardous materials to discuss current activities and areas for improvement. Nearly 100 local attendees representing shippers, carriers, emergency responders, regulatory agencies, planning

committee members and the community participated.

Chevron Chemical Company sincerely appreciates the significant time, effort, and resources committed by all of the people and organizations involved in making the workshop a success!

For more information, please contact Summer Camp at (713) 754-2532 or suwc@chevron.com.

Training for the Twin Cities

The St. Paul, Minnesota area is preparing for a TRANSCAER[®] workshop on April 27, 2000. The event, conducted by Canadian Pacific Railway, CXY Chemicals and Hawkins Chemical Inc., will include a classroom and hands-on session. Both sessions will focus on safe handling and emergency response procedures relating to hydrochloric acid and chlorine.

During the morning classroom session, participants will view videos and evaluate emergency response plans of the community. The

afternoon session will provide actual demonstrations, including patching techniques, on railway tank cars. Equipment displays are also planned.

Local emergency responders, chemical and transportation companies and community members are all expected to attend.

For more information, please contact Phil Marbut, Canadian Pacific Railway, at 612/337-7658 or phil_marbut@cpr.ca.

Sponsor's Corner

Free ER Training Through CMA's Lending Library

Since 1985, the Chemical Manufacturers Association's Lending Library has provided the emergency response community free access to over 45 videotape training programs on hazardous materials and handling hazardous materials incidents. In the 15 years of operation, more than 25,000 programs have been loaned to fire fighters, police, industry responders and trainers.

While a large number of videos are designed for emergency responders and trainers to help them prepare for possible emergencies, others

explain the types of community focused programs the chemical industry supports.

Best of all, all programs may be borrowed at no charge. So, when you are looking for a video on, "First at the Scene," or "Hazardous Materials Transportation Training Modules," to ones on specific topics like "Gasoline Tank Truck Emergencies," or the "Handling Acetylene Cylinders in Fire Situations," borrow from CMA's Lending Library.

For more information, or to obtain a Lending Library catalogue, please call CMA's Member Services Center at (703) 741-5131 or email: member.services@cmahq.com.

2000 Community Chemical Product Stewardship Awards

The Chemical Educational Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2000 Community Chemical Product Stewardship Awards. The award recognizes community groups for their exemplary chemical safety efforts. Nominated entities must be a civic or first responder organization that has participated in a product

stewardship initiative with a chemical distributor or manufacturer within the last twelve-months. To nominate a community, visit CEF's website at www.chemed.org and look under awards. A nomination form is attached to the newsletter.

CEF Products

The Chemical Education Foundation (CEF) provides chemical product stewardship information to downstream users, educators, and the public. Since 1992, over 1.5 million Foundation publications and videos have been distributed to chemical end-users across the country. The following are examples of the types of information the Foundation has available.

The Chemical Education Foundation's *Product Stewardship Bulletin No. 19: Protecting Your Health, Safety and the Environment - Chemical Industry Initiatives* highlights different chemical industry initiatives such as Responsible Care[®], Responsible Distribution ProcessSM, Responsible Recycling[®], Coatings Care[®] and Dye Care[®]. Each is designed to

protect the environment as well as the health and safety of employees, customers, and the public.

Pass Bulletin No. 19 on to your sales staff to use as an educational tool for customers and the general public. The Bulletin outlines the benefits of chemical companies' customers to adopt chemical safety measures in their own companies, and the benefits for the general public to adopt safety practices when handling chemical products at home. Other audiences that can benefit from this brochure include chemical employees, regulators, emergency responders, and the media.

"Does the trainer who teaches and tests a HazMat employee certify that the HazMat employee is trained/tested?" "Does verbal training and testing

comply with 172.704?" "Must the employee 'pass' a test?"

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Find the answers to these and other commonly asked questions in CEF's **Product Stewardship Bulletin No. 3: DOT HazMat Training, 49 CFR, Part 172, Subpart H** has been updated with the assistance of the Department of Transportation and reprinted. This Bulletin includes DOT training requirements, definitions of a HazMat employee and employer, and answers to other commonly asked questions.

Another useful training brochure, CEF's **Product Stewardship Bulletin No. 17: DOT HazMat 49 CFR Regulations: Don't Pay the Penalty!**, highlights selected shipper violations and penalties, and shipper responsibilities dealing with 49 CFR.

To order copies of any of these bulletins, call 703/527-6223, ext. 116, or download online at www.chemed.org

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 — Gary Zimmer (847) 963-9220
DuPont — John Smoot (615) 535-7534
Massachusetts Call/Vol. Firefighters Assoc. — John O'Neil (508) 655-2761
Millennium Chemicals — Bob Risberg (513) 530-6915
Union Pacific Railroad — Arla Roquet (817) 878-4507

BNSF TRANSCAER^o Training Car Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>School Location</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| March 26-27 | Salt Lake City, UT | June 5-6 | Burlington, IA |
| April 4 | Denver, CO | June 8-9 | Galesburg, IL |
| April 11-12 | Hutchinson, KS | June 19-23 | Homewood, IL |
| April 14 | Newton, KS | June 26-30 | Chicago State Fire Academy |
| April 19-20 | Argentine, KS | | |
| April 25-26 | Murray, MO | | |
| May 3-4 | Lincoln, NB | | |
| May 19-21 | Nebraska State Fire | | |

Railstorm 2000



Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association's training car.

The Massachusetts Call/Volunteer Firefighters Association's safety train will be traveling across Massachusetts making twelve stops in ten weeks. The tour, called Railstorm 2000, will start on April 10, 2000, with the rededication of the Association's safety train. Railstorm 2000 will then continue through the end of June. "I believe this will be the most concentrated railroad training program ever embarked on in any state," said John O'Neill, Safety Train Manager. For areas that are not covered in the spring, a schedule for fall events is being planned.

For more information on Railstorm 2000, contact John O'Neill at (508) 655-2761.

Railstorm 2000

| Date | Location |
|-------------|----------------------|
| April 12-15 | Boston, Ma |
| April 19-22 | Framingham, Ma |
| April 25-29 | Middleboro, Ma |
| May 4-6 | West Barnstable, Ma |
| May 10-13 | Worcester, Ma |
| May 17-26 | Fort Devens, Ma |
| June 1-3 | Billerica, Ma |
| June 8-10 | Adams, Ma |
| June 15-17 | South Deerfield, Ma |
| June 19-22 | West Springfield, Ma |
| June 24-26 | West Springfield, Ma |

Announcements

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 chairperson or 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.

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

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

Colorado – (Co-coordinator) Chet Culley, (303) 692-3442.

Louisiana – C.J. Soileau, Union Carbide, (504) 783-4196.

Massachusetts – John O'Neil, Massachusetts Call/Vol. Firefighters Assoc., (508)655-2761.

Minnesota – Kent Reetz, Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety, (615) 296-0453.

TRANSCAER® Items for Sale

To order any of these items, contact CMA Publications Fulfillment at P.O. Box 522, Annapolis Junction, MD, 20701-0522, Phone: 301/617-7824, fax 301/206-9789. CMA 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.

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 Galen 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 industry. 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 Galen at (703) 741-5303.