

REGION 6 LEPC Update



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You may have noticed we have been away for a few months. We have been busy working on the Gulf of Mexico on the Deepwater Oil Spill. We hope to be back in the normal swing of things now.

As always, if you received this Update from someone else, and would like to be added to the email list, just email us at one of the emails above.

Steve & Hilary

11th Annual HOTZONE Conference

The goal of the HOTZONE conference is to train and equip local, state and federal responders for safe, coordinated and efficient response to releases of hazardous materials which threaten public health and the environment.

People who should attend include local fire, police, emergency management personnel, emergency medical services, health care providers, and state and federal response personnel who participate directly in the incident command system or in its immediate support at the scene of a hazmat response or terrorist event in Federal Region 6.



*THIS YEAR, HOTZONE 11 will be held:
October 14-17, 2010 -- Crowne Plaza Hotel - Reliant Park
Houston, TX*

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INFORMATION and REGISTRATION,
www.hotzone.org**

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Who We Are

TRANSCAER® (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response) is a voluntary national outreach effort that focuses on assisting communities prepare for and respond to a possible hazardous material transportation incident.



TRANSCAER® members consist of volunteer representatives from the chemical manufacturing, transportation, distributor, and emergency response industries, as well as the government.



Union Pacific Railroad and The Dow Chemical Company founded TRANSCAER in 1986.

TRANSCAER® is organized into two groups: the National TRANSCAER Task Group (NTTG) and its included Executive Committee, which manages the TRANSCAER program; and the Regional Approach, which implements TRANSCAER and the nine TRANSCAER steps throughout the United States.



Members of the NTTG may represent manufacturers, distributors, hazardous materials storage and handling, transporters, emergency response and preparedness organizations, their associations, and related service industries.



The TRANSCAER program is divided into 6 regions, which includes Canada. For EPA/FEMA Region 6 States, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas comprise TRANSCAER Region 5.

New Mexico is part of the TRANSCAER Region 3.

Contacts for Regional and State Coordinators is at the end of this article.

Available TRANSCAER resources may include:

- Classroom and hands-on training
- Emergency planning assistance
- Support for community drills and exercises
- Technical information, reference, and training materials
- National conferences and workshops for sharing best practices and networking

Regional TRANSCAER

The purpose of TRANSCAER's Regional Approach is to implement TRANSCAER on a state and local basis to assist communities with preparing for a possible hazardous material transportation incident. TRANSCAER accomplishes this goal by establishing Regional Coordinators and State Coordinators. Each is responsible for implementing TRANSCAER within their region and/or state.



Coordinators identify the needs of their respective communities and act as liaisons between the local community and the National TRANSCAER® Task Group (NTTG). They are not expected to become personally involved in each individual project.

However, Coordinators are expected to implement TRANSCAER activities by utilizing chemical and transportation industry representatives, government representatives, local emergency responders, and other interested parties by coordinating activities, information, and resources.

Regional Coordinators participate on the NTTG, assist/mentor State Coordinators, and relay information from the NTTG to the states and vice versa. During NTTG meetings, Regional Coordinators provide information on regional and state activities occurring in their region, and guidance on how to grow and improve national and state program initiatives.

State Coordinators

State Coordinators implement TRANSCAER® in their state, share information and learnings with Regional Coordinators, organize resources, and prioritize TRANSCAER® activity locations.

Many times State Coordinators form a State Team or Committee to assist with implementation.

Typical responsibilities of a State Coordinator include:

- Establish a state TRANSCAER® Team comprised of chemical and transportation industry expertise, emergency responders, and local emergency preparedness agencies. Recruit participation from new safety and security agencies,
- Identify state TRANSCAER® needs and opportunities,
- Identify and obtain resources to implement TRANSCAER®,
- Provide speakers and/or make TRANSCAER® presentations,
- Maintain a listing of state TRANSCAER® activities, contacts, resources, speakers.
- Provide regular updates on state TRANSCAER® issues for the Regional Coordinator
- Commit 1-2 days a month to implementing TRANSCAER®



New TRANSCAER Video: TRANSCAER Debuts Brand New Overview

TRANSCAER's newly created video production is complete and ready for viewing. The five minute TRANSCAER overview is available on-line by visiting www.TRANSCAER.com.

The professional quality video, which was created with the video/graphics services of Andrew Johnson at iMedDesign in Reno, NV, is also available in DVD format. Please contact Donna Lepik at dlepik@transcaer.com if you would like a copy of this production to share with your stakeholders. The video is also available via You Tube on the American Chemistry Council Channel -- visit:

<http://il.youtube.com/user/AmericanChemistry>



TRANSCAER® Announces 2011 Nationwide Anhydrous Ammonia Training Tour



With Anhydrous Ammonia being a large part of American agricultural, manufacturing, commercial, and transportation industries and many small incidents occurring in the past across the United States, there is a possibility that at some point a large ammonia incident may occur.

A high quality hands on training that would help prevent and or mitigate such an incident would be a great advantage to emergency responders in communities where anhydrous ammonia is manufactured, stored, shipped, transported, or used in high volume quantities.

With that in mind, TRANSCAER in conjunction with a number of national, regional, state and local partners (see partial list below) is planning a nationwide TRANSCAER Training program targeting Anhydrous Ammonia and Ammonia safety beginning February 2011.

Dubbed the 2011 Anhydrous Ammonia TRANSCAER Training Tour, the program is intended to focus on safety training topics including:

- Transportation of ammonia (modes, routes, volume identifiers)
- Nomenclature of transport equipment (such as nurse tanks, tank trucks, rail tank cars, etc.)
- Hands on training with transport equipment (valves, hoses, gauges, fittings, response measures, etc.)
- First aid for ammonia releases
- Who to reach out to for assistance
- Opportunities for emergency response exercises to reinforce concepts and practice use of information covered



The target audience for tour events includes emergency responders, agricultural businesses, emergency management officials, public safety representatives, law enforcement agencies, consultants, etc. The start of the 2011 Anhydrous Ammonia TRANSCAER Training Tour is February 2011.



- ✓ If you would like to become engaged in the 2011 Anhydrous Ammonia Tour or to receive more information, please visit www.TRANSCAER.com/events
- ✓ For additional information, please contact Donna Lepik, Staff Executive, TRANSCAER® dlepik@transcaer.com, or 703-741-5503.

TRANSCAER TODAY

The newly designed and highly informative TRANSCAER Today newsletter is issued on a regular basis. The newsletter provides everyone an opportunity to see how TRANSCAER team members from across the nation are working to assist communities prepare for and respond to possible hazardous materials transportation incidents.

You can download a copy of the Today from our TRANSCAER web site by visiting:

<http://www.transcaer.com/docs/newsletters/Spring-Summer%20TRANSCAER%20Today.pdf>

TRANSCAER® Training Tour Texas/Arkansas/Louisiana

TRANSCAER® Training Tours will be traveling through Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana September 18 - 28, 2010. This tour is sponsored by The Dow Chemical Company teaming with Union Pacific Railroad, the Firefighters Education and Training Foundation, CHEMTREC and many other local supporting agencies.



TRANSCAER is dedicated to educating emergency responders and their communities, and includes safety training cars from the Firefighters Education and Training Foundation.

The model-based training curriculum is designed to meet the needs of various stakeholder groups and is free to all participants. To better meet these needs, two training tracks have been developed. Both are offered each day of training.

- Track 1 - General Awareness for Non-responders
- Track 2 - Hazmat Tech Training which includes Locomotives and Tank Cars; Toxic Inhalation Hazard Materials and Flammable Gases; Capping Kits; Leaks Approach, Investigation and Mitigation; and Tank Truck Course.

To get more information about training course content and training equipment, please visit <http://www.dow.com/transcaertours/about/curriculum.htm>.

Texas/Arkansas/Louisiana Tour Date

- ❖ NE Houston, Texas September 18
- ❖ Lufkin, Texas September 20
- ❖ Shreveport, Louisiana September 22
- ❖ Texarkana, Texas September 25
- ❖ N. Little Rock, Arkansas September 28



As part of the emergency preparedness training, community leaders are invited and encouraged to attend an awareness course to learn how they can elevate their assistance and communications to the community.

For more information on the Texas/Arkansas/Louisiana TRANSCAER tour, visit http://www.dow.com/transcaertours/tours/tex_ark_lou_tour2010.htm.

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To register for the free upcoming tours, please visit http://www.dow.com/transcaertours/registration/tex_ark_lou.htm.

Classes are limited, so sign up early. Walk-ins are always welcome.

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Who Cares ?? The Trainer's Dilemma !! Part I

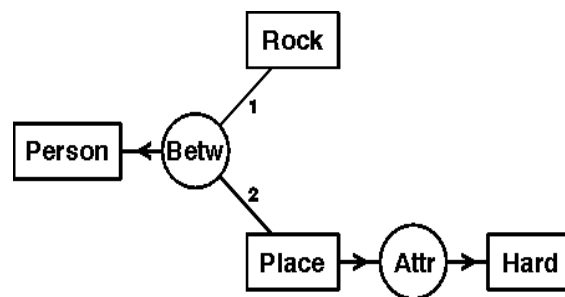
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Who cares?

Well, if the people in class don't, what's a trainer to do?

The dilemma is pretty clear cut: Scylla and Charybdis, a rock and a hard place.

First option: Shove some prepackaged course or required course down their gagging throats because they have to take the course or they won't get certification, or funding, or la la la.



It's okay, everyone does it, it's your job, it's the law, it's mandated, it pays your mortgage, and it's in your job description to do it. And the beat—and the beating—goes on!

Second option: Learn what it means to be a trainer and not a robotic, bureaucratic, certificate-printing regurgitator.

Oops! My prejudices are showing. I actually believe in taking your hits and becoming a teacher.

Of course, there is a downside to caring who cares, and that is you lose the backing of the powers that be, you marginalize yourself in the face of the funding mainstream, and you won't ever be one of the good ol' boys or girls.

That, of course, is also the upside. When performing career-related death defying acts, you only get hired to do the things you see are worthwhile and you only are asked to talk to people who want to hear what you have to say.

Who cares?

They care, that's the point.

As I finish my fortieth year dealing with teaching and training techniques and my twenty-fifth year dealing with hazmat training and preparedness concepts, I am happy to report that marginalization is good, for it puts one on the edge, often the leading edge, and when it comes to government-sponsored training, if you're not on the edge, you're taking up too much space!



HAS YOUR LEPC:



- Established a permanent address for facilities, the SERC, and EPA to mail required forms and information;
- Notified the SERC of any changes to the LEPC structure, especially a change in the chair or address;
- Provided EPCRA training to emergency responders, specifically local fire departments who often can provide information to facilities during fire inspections and police departments who respond to haz-mat incidents?
- Established a 24-hour manned emergency phone number (i.e., sheriff's office, 911, fire department) for facilities to make release notifications -- an answering machine is not sufficient

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Region 6 Emergency Notification Numbers

Arkansas Dept. of Emergency Management	800-322-4012
Louisiana State Police	877-925-6595
New Mexico State Police	505-827-9126
Oklahoma Dept. of Environmental Quality	800-522-0206
Texas Environmental Hotline	800-832-8224

National Response Center	800-424-8802
EPA Region 6	866-372-7745
CHEMTREC	800-424-9300