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Chlorine Institute Sponsors Free Training For Buffalo-Area Emergency Responders

ARLINGTON, Va. (June 30, 2010) – Is the Buffalo area prepared for a transportation hazardous materials accident? The Chlorine Institute, Inc. (CI), working with the Norfolk Southern Corp., will conduct a free program on Aug. 19, 2010, to train Buffalo area front-line emergency responders to ensure they know how to deal with such situations involving chlorine and related chemicals.

The CI TransCAER® training, which will be held at Norfolk Southern's Bison Yard, is intended for firefighters, police and others who may be involved in hazardous chemical emergency response, such as water-treatment operators. Registration is limited; advance registration is requested by July 16, 2010.

"This training is vital for all emergency responders – top of the organization to bottom --- who are responsible for or may become involved with a transportation emergency involving chlorine or CI's other mission chemicals," said Shane Fast, CI vice president of emergency preparedness and product stewardship. "It is part of the Chlorine Institute's ongoing stewardship effort to enhance public safety and minimize public inconvenience in the event of a chlorine emergency."

The training, running from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., will include hands-on and classroom activities, and a complimentary lunch. Trainees will receive certificates upon completion of the course. Presentations will cover the emergency response fundamentals of chlorine, caustic soda, sodium hypochlorite (commonly called bleach) and hydrochloric acid. Applicable tank cars and trucks will be used for the breakout sessions.

An industry team will provide hands-on training, including instruction on how to use the special CI emergency kits and tools that are designed to cap leaks in various types of chlorine containers. Attendees also will learn the basic requirements for safe transportation of hazardous materials by rail, along with instruction on the primary elements of how local emergency responders can best cope with a rail emergency. Enlisting the aid of a CI CHLOREP (Chlorine Emergency Plan) team will be covered.

More information and a registration form may be downloaded from CI's Web site, www.chlorineinstitute.org; click on "Meetings & Events" and then on "2010 TransCAER Event."

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