

BNSF Stewardship Award

Application Form

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway's (BNSF) implementation of the Product Stewardship Code of Responsible Care® has presented an opportunity for BNSF to work with and recognize shippers that make the safety of their hazardous material tank car shipments their first priority. Product Stewardship emphasizes working with suppliers and customers to continually improve the safe handling of hazardous products. By recognizing shippers who excel at safety in the transportation process, BNSF is emphasizing to the public and the chemical industry how important proper inspection, maintenance, loading and securement is to the safety of our employees, the public and the environment.

BNSF moves over 800,000 loads of hazardous material each year. The safe movement of these loads is of paramount importance. A release of hazardous material from a tank car during transport places our employees, the general public and the environment at risk.

The Stewardship Award recognizes shippers who move over 500 loads of hazardous shipments on BNSF without a non-accident release. All shippers will receive national recognition of their achievement through press releases and advertisements in appropriate trade journals. Presentation of the awards will be made at BNSF corporate headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas. A plaque will be presented to the company or individual plant. Letters will be sent to the company's senior officer and the President of the American Chemistry Council documenting the company's achievements.

The safe movement of a tank car is the result of employee training and proper execution of the inspection, maintenance, loading and securement procedures of the shipper. Failure to have appropriate procedures in place is an accident waiting to happen. In addition, it is important that BNSF shippers work with their customers to eliminate non-accident releases. Those shippers that have shipped cars without incident but have received cars (empty-leg) that have had a NAR, will still be eligible for the award, but will be required to provide additional documentation that shows how their customers will be eliminating non-accident releases.

Measurement Period

The measurement of non-accident releases for purposes of this program will be from January 1 to December 31. Only movements that originate during this time period will be measured. As an example, if a non-accident release occurs on January 6th, year 3 and the movement originated December 27, year 2, the release will be considered as having occurred during the year 2 period.

BNSF will be responsible for recording and tracking all NARs.

Qualified Procedures

Shippers will submit to BNSF a completed application form by the submission deadline. All submitted information will be kept confidential.

Qualified Shippers

Shipments by qualified shippers may originate and terminate anywhere within North America.

Shipper includes BNSF in the route for a minimum of 500 loaded tank cars of hazardous materials during the measurement period and has no recorded non-accident releases. In addition the shipper works with their customers (product receivers) to ensure no non-accident releases occur during the empty return trip.

Multiple Origin Locations

For those shippers originating product from many different locations, consideration will be given to allowing each location to qualify for the award.

The minimum requirement is that the individual plant must meet the above criteria set.

BNSF will review our NAR records and will be the sole decision-maker concerning those shippers that qualify for the award.

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Company Name (as it should appear on the award)	
Name and title of person's who will accept Stewardship Award (max of 2)	
Name	Name
Title	Title
Address	Address
City, State and Zip	City, State and Zip
Phone	Phone
Fax	Fax
E-mail	E-mail

Name of person completing application	Name of Senior Officer
Title	Title
Address	Address
City, State and Zip	City, State and Zip
Phone	Phone
Fax	Fax
E-mail	E-mail

Name of Corporate Public Relations Contact
Title
Address
City, State and Zip
Phone
Fax
E-mail

How many individual tank car loading facilities does the company operate? If zero, what company operates the facility that loaded the hazardous tankcars?	
How many tank cars did you load in the qualifying year?	
Do you have tank car inspection, maintenance, loading, and securement procedures at each location?	Yes____ No____
Do your employees receive initial training in these procedures?	Yes____ No____
Do your loading employees receive periodic training in these procedures?	Yes____ No____
At what interval is your periodic training?	
When was the last review and update to your inspection, maintenance, loading, and securement procedures?	Yes____ No____
Do you conduct periodic emergency drills at your loading facilities?	Yes____ No____
Do you include the serving railroad in these drills?	Yes____ No____
Do you perform, or do you contract, periodic safety inspections of the railroad infrastructure at your facilities?	Company Employees Yes____ No____ Contractor Yes____ No____
At what intervals are these safety inspection performed?	Yes____ No____
Do you perform, or do you contract, periodic preventative maintenance to the railroad infrastructure at your facilities?	Company Employees Yes____ No____ Contractor Yes____ No____
Have you experienced derailments at your facilities in the past 12 months?	Yes____ No____
How many?	

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