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Surface Transportation Board  
ATTN STB Ex Parte No. 677  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001



**RE STB Ex parte No 677 Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads**

The Chlorine Institute, Inc. (CI) is a 220-member, not-for-profit trade association of chlor-alkali producers worldwide, as well as packagers, distributors, users, and suppliers. The Institute's mission is the promotion of safety and the protection of human health and the environment in the manufacture, distribution and use of chlorine, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide and sodium hypochlorite, plus the distribution and use of hydrogen chloride. The Institute's North American Producer members account for more than 98 percent of the total chlorine production capacity of the U S , Canada, and Mexico.

This is a notice of intent to participate by The Chlorine Institute, Inc in the hearing announced by the Surface Transportation Board in a Federal Register Notice dated February 27, 2008 and scheduled for April 24, 2008. We request that Mr Arthur Dungan, Chlorine Institute President be granted 15 minutes to provide comments from the Institute on the subject. Mr Dungan will be accompanied by Mr Paul Donovan, Chlorine Institute General Counsel.

Mr Dungan's comments will cover information about the vital role that rail carriers have in the safe transportation and distribution of chlorine. He will discuss the important role of chlorine in the US economy and in maintaining the health and safety of the American public. Mr Dungan will provide some historical perspective on the definition of the common carrier obligation and offer the institute's perspective on the continuing role that this obligation should have.

Your favorable action on this request will be appreciated.

Frank Reiner  
VP Transportation and Emergency Preparedness  
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