

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY TIP

RAIL NETWORK THREAT ENVIRONMENT

OVERVIEW: Terrorism is defined as any violent, criminal act committed by individuals and/or groups who are inspired by, or associated with, international or domestic organizations and/or influences. Both passenger and freight rail networks operate in and around large urban areas, close to critical infrastructure and facilities hosting very large crowds. Hazardous materials move throughout the freight rail network, including remote areas of the country in a relatively open infrastructure. It is therefore important to remain VIGILANT – YOU are the first line of defense!

RAIL INDUSTRY ALERT LEVELS: The <u>A</u>ssociation of <u>A</u>merican <u>R</u>ailroads (<u>AAR</u>), in association with segments of the railroad industry, regulatory agencies and customers, developed a unified, intelligence-driven approach to rail industry security. This approach maintains a system of alert levels that call for increasing physical and cybersecurity measures based on intelligence assessments and analyses of developing threats. Each level incorporates additional countermeasures to those already implemented.



RAILWAY ALERT NETWORK: Timely and consistent information sharing increases security. The daily efforts of the Railway Alert Network (RAN), the security information center for North American railroads, are a good example of the rail industry's commitment to information sharing. Managed by the AAR, the RAN supports security awareness through timely advisories and information briefs on potential terrorist tactics, malicious cyber activity, rail related threats and incidents, and other suspicious activity. The RAN also shares security awareness information with counterparts in other transportation modes and government security officials in the U.S. and Canada.

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