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**Railroads Sign Onto EPA's SmartWay Partnership**

WASHINGTON, May 26, 2005 --- The nation's major freight railroads are joining with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a partnership aimed at reducing locomotive fuel consumption and emissions. Railroads are already the most environmentally friendly way to move freight across the country, and are continually working to make the industry even greener.

The agreement was announced last night in the U.S. Capitol building by Jeffrey R. Holmstead, assistant administrator of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. "The rail companies joining the SmartWay Partnership are helping to clean the air, improve our nation's energy security, and continue to ensure the strength of the U.S. economy," Holmstead said.

AAR President and CEO Edward R. Hamberger said, "This agreement is a sign of our commitment to build on that strong foundation so that we become even greener."

SmartWay is a voluntary partnership that establishes incentives for fuel efficiency improvements and greenhouse gas emissions. By 2012, this initiative aims to reduce annual fuel consumption by as much as 150 million barrels of oil and emissions by as much as 66 million metric tons of carbon dioxide and 200,000 tons of nitrogen oxide.

There are three elements to the program: partnerships between EPA, freight transportation companies and shippers to improve the environmental performance of freight operations; reduction of engine idling at such locations as truck stops, ports, rail yards and distribution hubs; and increased efficiency and use of rail and intermodal operations.

The Class I railroads who have agreed to be part of SmartWay include BNSF Railway; Canadian Pacific Railway; CN Railway; CSX Transportation, which is a charter member of the Partnership; Kansas City Southern Railway; Norfolk Southern Railway; and Union Pacific Railroad.

Railroads are continually working to improve the environment. Union Pacific Railway, Canadian Pacific Railway and BNSF Railway all are operating or have ordered Green Goat® locomotives, a hybrid locomotive that reduces fuel consumption --- and atmospheric emissions --- by 60 percent and emits 80 to 90 percent fewer pollutants than conventional train engines. BNSF also operates four environmentally friendly liquid natural gas locomotives that reduce emissions and fuel consumption.

CSX Transportation, BNSF, CN Railway, Norfolk Southern Railway, Kansas City Southern Railway and Union Pacific Railroad are all investing idle reduction technology that can reduce non-productive fuel consumption and emissions by as much as 80 percent. A variety of other technologies --- including on-board computers, distributed power, and low friction bearings --- to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions.

"This is just the beginning," said Hamberger. "We will further improve fuel efficiency and make further reductions in atmospheric emissions. That is our commitment to the nation."