

# AAR Member Concentration Areas

To provide our associates and railroad affiliates with up-to-date, business-critical information, AAR offers special services in various concentration areas. Learn more at [AAR.org/Join](https://aar.org/Join) or contact Kristin Smith, SVP of Communications at [ksmith@aar.org](mailto:ksmith@aar.org).

## Car Service & Care Hire

- Agendas and minutes for the Equipment Assets Committee to keep equipment owners informed of discussion areas impacting car utilization and compensation.

## Communications, Signals & Train Control

- Information relating to radio frequency spectrum, including frequency coordination, petitions to the FCC, response to petitions to the FCC, and the development and management of wireless communications standards.
- Complimentary copy of railway electronic standards and specifications-related publications: **AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section K Series**. These documents provide a compendium for the development of the system architecture, identifies the hardware and software components for Positive Train Control (PTC) communications, their functions and the nature of the interfaces between them. **AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section M**. Standards and recommended practices covering design of locomotives and their components
- One complimentary e-mail subscription to the *AAR Circular Letters* service (one per member).
- Information on FRA activity in the signal, communications and train control area.

## Damage Prevention & Loading Services

- Topics: Closed Car and Intermodal; Open Top Loading Rules; & Automobile Damage Prevention.
- Notification of new and revised publications for rules and standards.
- Notification and registration information for the annual DP & FC Conference and other on-line events.
- Notification of newsletters or industry updates on damage prevention.
- Testing information available (non-proprietary), completed by Damage Prevention & Loading Services.
- Information on automobile training and inspection services.
- Access to statistics on railroad industry freight loss and damage trends.
- Access to informational resources through AAR/MxV Rail (formerly TTCI) – DP&LS staff.

## Engineering & Track Maintenance

- Dockets and updates from the Engineering Policy Committee.
- Quarterly newsletter on engineering and track issues, including updates from FRA.
- News clips on the track and maintenance area.
- Liaison with federal agencies on engineering and track issues.

## Environment & Tank Car

- News clips about tank cars, environment, nuclear waste and hazmat issues.
- AAR comments on environmental and hazmat issues of significant impact on the rail industry.
- Information and updates from AAR Tank Car Committee meetings.
- Invitation to the Railroad Environmental Conference.

## Hazmat

- News clips with the latest developments in the areas of hazmat issues.
- AAR comments on environmental and hazmat issues of significant impact on the rail industry.
- Updates on federal activity affecting hazmat issues.

## Passenger Rail Service

- Updates on coordination and implementation of PTC Systems between freight and passenger.
- Invitations to special events hosted by MxV Rail (formerly TTCL).

## Safety

### *Railroad Affiliate Benefits*

- Liaison with federal agencies on rail safety matters.
- Participation in periodic teleconferences on benchmarking industry safety practices.
- Participation in regular meetings to shape industry positions on FRA rulemakings.

### *Railroad Affiliate & Associate Benefits*

- Notice of regulatory activity via daily summaries of the Federal Register.
- Notice of pertinent Canadian regulatory activity.
- Notice of NTSB accident reports and summaries.
- Periodic summaries of industry safety performance.
- Work with international partners and maintain currency in operational issues.

## Security

### *Railroad Affiliate Benefits (United States & Canada-Based railroads only)*

- All editions of the Rail Awareness Daily Analytic Report (RADAR) via Railway Alert Network (RAN).
- Focused security awareness messages and advisories produced and disseminated by the RAN.
- Communications relating to the priorities for the rail industry security program and the efforts undertaken to achieve them as derived from interaction amongst the members of the Rail Security Working Committee and the Rail Information Security Committee and between the Committees and interested US Federal government departments and agencies.
- Invitation to participate in the periodic informational teleconferences held for affiliates, the monthly teleconferences of the Rail Security Working Committee and the annual Joint Rail Sector Security Exercise, typically held each Fall.

### *Railroad Affiliate & Associate Benefits*

- Presentations on rail industry security program as part of the affiliate or associate meetings.
- Associates in the security concentration area receive all editions of RADAR via RAN.

## Technical Services

- Waivers for a change from time-based regulations (such as renewing reflector panels after 10 years) to a performance-based requirement that is based on effectiveness.
- Monthly summaries of Technical Services news and updates in the *Rail News* newsletter.
- One complimentary e-mail subscription to the *AAR Circular Letters* service (one per company).
- One complimentary copy of the *AAR Field Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules* and the *AAR Office Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules*.