

Partnership Agreement: Rail Carriers

EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership is a voluntary program that recognizes Partners for setting and achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals in freight transport.

With this agreement, , joins EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership and commits to: Measure the environmental performance of our fleet using data reported to the Surface Transportation Board on fuel consumption and ton miles transported. Identify a goal to improve the environmental performance of our fleet, to be achieved within 3 years of signing this agreement. Develop an Action Plan detailing how the goal will be achieved. Submit the goal and Action Plan to EPA, within 6 months of signing and submitting this agreement. Report progress toward achieving the goal to EPA annually. In return, EPA commits to: Increase public awareness of Partner participation in the SmartWay Transport Partnership by listing Partners on the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership web site and in related educational, promotional and media materials. EPA will obtain express written consent from the Partner before publishing the Partner's name other than in the context of increasing public awareness of its participation as described here. Publicize the actual performance data of Partners only with a Partner's express permission, except as otherwise required by law. Assist Partners in achieving goals, by working to address challenges, create incentives, and provide technical assistance and support (subject to appropriations). **General terms:** If the Partner or EPA defaults upon this agreement at any point, the agreement shall be considered null and void. Either party can terminate the agreement at any time without prior notification or penalties or any further obligation. EPA agrees not to comment publicly regarding the withdrawal of Partners. EPA reserves the right to suspend or revoke Partner status for any Partner that fails to accomplish the specific actions to which it committed in the SmartWay Transport Partnership Agreement and subsequent Agreements. The Partner agrees that it will not claim or imply that its participation in the SmartWay Transport Partnership constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than the Partner's commitment to the program. The Partner will not make statements or imply that EPA endorses the purchase or sale of the Partner's products and services or the views of the organization. The Partner understands that it bears its own costs for participation in this program, and agrees not to submit a claim for compensation to EPA or any other Federal agency on the basis of this agreement. **Authorized Partner Official:** The undersigned, on behalf of _____, understands and agrees to the terms of the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership. Signature: Date: ____ Print Name: **Designated Partner Representative:** Name:

Phone: _____

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