

Office of the President Edward R. Hamberger President and Chief Executive Officer

December 13, 2013

The Honorable Joseph C. Szabo Administrator Federal Railroad Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Szabo:

Your November 19, 2013, letter to AAR asked whether other railroads had adopted BNSF Railway's policy that any connecting railroad shipping hazardous materials must use two-person crews. No other AAR member has adopted a similar policy. All of AAR's members ensure that their trains have an appropriate number of qualified crew members.

AAR and its members look forward to continuing the discussion of crew sizes under the auspices of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Hamberger