

## **DIRECTOR DANGEROUS GOODS**

The Railway Association of Canada (RAC) is the national industry association representing close to 60 freight and passenger railway companies and approximately 60 associate member suppliers and partners. RAC's mission is to educate and collaborate with supply chain partners, governments, regulators and other stakeholders and advocate to ensure rail's ongoing role in safely and efficiently moving Canada's goods, resources, and people.

RAC's Dangerous Goods (DG) Team provides support and guidance on handling and transporting dangerous goods. The DG Team provides [training](#), as well as support and guidance to railway employees and shippers on the proper labelling, safe loading and unloading of railcars and other containers. The team also inspects and audits facilities (chemical, petroleum, and railway) to confirm that railcars and containers carrying dangerous goods comply with regulations and assists municipalities with their emergency response planning.

The Railway Association of Canada (RAC) is looking to fill the position of **Director Dangerous Goods**, with an anticipated start date of October 2022.

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume in confidence by **September 30, 2022** to [skazaka@railcan.ca](mailto:skazaka@railcan.ca) with a covering letter describing their interest and suitability for the position.

The Railway Association of Canada welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank applicants for their interest, however, only those advancing in the process will be contacted.

## **RAILWAY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA POSITION GUIDE – DIRECTOR DANGEROUS GOODS**

### **Position Overview**

The Director Dangerous Goods directs the RAC's Transportation of Dangerous Goods Specialists (TDGS) team. The team works closely with RAC Members to: achieve regulatory compliance, improve their emergency response capabilities, and assist in the development of Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response (TRANSCAER®). This position also represents and enhances the image of RAC members with regulators and shippers; performs inspections as per AAR standards and monitors TDGS budgets and expenses.

### **Organizational Structure**

The Director Dangerous Goods reports to the Executive Vice President and General Counsel. This role is expected to maintain internal and external stakeholder contacts, including:

- Member and related industry organizations
- Railway and Shipper management
- Dangerous goods Shippers and associations
- Association of American Railroads (AAR)
- Transport Canada (TC)
- Transportation Safety Board (TSB)
- MxV Rail (formerly Transportation Technology Centre Inc.)

### **The Responsibilities**

- Provide direction, leadership and support to the RAC Transportation of Dangerous Goods Specialists as well as maintain roles and duties as an active RAC Transportation of Dangerous Goods Specialist in designated territory.
- Organize and maintain statistical documentation/database involving the activities of the RAC TDGS's and regulatory compliance progress of the RAC Members.
- Perform BOE (Bureau of Explosives), shipper/member plant inspections and training.
- Promote and provide specialized assistance to the RAC, its members or regulators in areas regarding TDG as required, including emergencies involving DGs (dangerous goods).
- Reduce the overall potential for liability associated with violations of the TDG Regulations and dangerous goods incidents, mainly through TDG inspections, audits and training.
- Improve overall rail service of the RAC Members by reducing violations, incidents and traffic delays.
- Promote voluntary approaches rather than regulation through industry standards and best practices.
- Maintain quality of shipper loading and securement practices.
- Support the RAC DG Committee and coordinate meetings and required follow ups.

- Maintain a program of public awareness and emergency responder knowledge related to DGs in their regions and municipalities (e.g. TRANSCAER®).
- Train emergency responders and assist in any formal certification programs such as Canadian Emergency Response Contractors' Alliance ( CERCA) and Transportation Emergency Assistance Program (TEAP III).
- Interact with AAR and other agencies to maintain awareness of government / association policies, committee decisions and new regulations, research, training programs, etc.
- Represent RAC railway members as a sitting member on the AAR Tank Car Committee (TCC), Multi Association Committee on TDG (MACTDG) and the General Policy Advisory Council (GPAC).
- Maintain the RAC Security portfolio with positions on the RAC Security Committee, AAR Security Working Group and TC Rail Security Task Force.

### **Professional Experience and Qualifications**

- Senior DG certification and achievement of the AAR/TTCI highest training levels;
- Minimum of 10 years relevant industry experience –including a combination of technical training, emergency response experience;
- Specific industry knowledge related to railway operations, Canadian, American and International Dangerous Goods regulations, standards and rules;
- Specialist knowledge in emergency response protocols;
- Good leadership skills, innovative, decision making, budget management, communication, computer and presentation skills.

### **Working Conditions**

- Frequent exposure to inclement weather/ unconventional work conditions
- Flexible work schedule including extensive work hours
- Significant travel
- Manage multiple activities against timelines
- High sensory attention required

### **Location**

- GTA, Ontario