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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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US Magnesium LLC testified before this Board at the previous hearing on the Common Carrier Obligation of Railroads-Transportation of Hazardous Materials in April 2008. We wish to reemphasize the points of that testimony on the critical importance of safe, cost effective, rail transportation of chlorine, a critical chemical in countless water purification and chemical applications and a crucial part of the nation's economic welfare.

In addition, US Magnesium, a member of the Chlorine Institute and a major US chlorine producer, wishes to express its support for the testimony presented by the Chlorine Institute and Olin Corporation which has been submitted to this board and which will be presented in testimony at the July 22nd hearing.

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