

## **Rail Course 501**

### **Mexico Cross Border Shipping Fundamentals**

**Description - The basic fundamentals of how to ship into and out of Mexico – A beginner's course**

#### **Expectations and Goals**

Learn step by step the basics of how to properly transact a U.S. / Mexico cross border manifest rail shipment. Key elements of this course will include key shipper responsibilities, description of the load tender process with the railroad, customs broker and freight forwarder roles and responsibilities, and helpful hints from experienced railroad professionals to enable shippers to tender a cross border shipment with confidence all boxes have been checked!

#### **Course Outline**

- 1) Where to start
  - a) Government Regulations
  - b) Documentation needed to ship cross-border
  - c) Supporting Cast (US Freight Forwarders, Mexican Customs Brokers and KCS)
  - d) Expected timeline
  
- 2) Billing
  - a) Needed information
  - b) Correct format
  - c) Verifying billing
  
- 3) Logistical considerations of cross border shipments
  - a) Hazmat vs. Non-Hazmat shipments
  - b) Transits (including movements over the International Bridge)
  - c) Security
  - d) KCS/KCSM customer support
  
- 4) Contingency Operations
  - a) Customs Holds: How to avoid delays and additional cost
  - b) Custom inspection/notification process
  - c) KCS customer service Centers in US and Mexico