

Texas Truck Accident Lawyer Urges U.S. to Reduce Accidents and Go Green via Railroad Transportation

Texas truck accident lawyer Jim S. Adler of Jim S. Adler & Associates announces his support of increasing railroad transportation of goods and freight to reduce semi truck accidents, lower fuel consumption and reducing U.S. oil dependency.

September 12, 2008 (FPRC) -- HOUSTON, TX -- Truck accident lawyer Jim S. Adler announces his support for increased use of the country's railroad system to reduce semi truck accidents and help protect the environment.

"Using trains instead of semi trucks is a smart way for our country to go green. Trains are faster and more fuel efficient," Adler said.

"Using railways instead of trucks also 'will reduce the number of semi truck accidents, which kill 5,000 people annually. Railroads are generally considered safer than semi trucks, especially when transporting hazardous materials'," Adler said quoting alarming statistics from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Railroads are involved in around 6% of the hazardous materials incidents for which trucks are involved for the same mileage. Moreover, railroads are required to conduct safety and security risk analyses of at least 27 risk factors for primary and alternate transportation routes. (<http://www.18wheeleraccident.org>).

Besides reducing semi truck accidents, using railroads for transporting goods can be better for the environment. Locomotive fuel efficiency has increased greatly, as Money Magazine recently reported, with locomotives getting an average of 80% more mileage than they did in 1980 -- a reduction of billions of gallons of fuel. Also, it is estimated that a train can move one ton of freight from coast to coast on seven gallons of fuel. That same ton would take 27 gallons of fuel by truck.

Along with reducing America's dependence on oil, using trains instead of trucks for transporting freight will reduce the greenhouse gases emitted by trucks into the environment.

"From environmental and safety standpoints, rail travel makes sense. We can save lives by reducing 18 wheeler accidents and save the planet at the same time," Adler said.

About 18 Wheeler Accident.org: 18 Wheeler Accident.org (<http://www.18wheeleraccident.org>) is an informational website sponsored by Texas attorney Jim S. Adler that offers safety tips for drivers who must share the road with 18-wheeler trucks. Jim S. Adler & Associates specializes in helping victims of semi truck crashes.

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