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## **ACTA Announces SAFER Real-Time Emergency Response System Initiative**

Carson, California, November 18, 2001 -- The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) announced that it has become the first government-led transportation authority in the United States to acquire the state-of-the-art SAFER Real-Time software system. As part of ACTA's continuous commitment to the safety of rail operations along the Alameda Corridor, the Authority has now provided the means to quickly and efficiently respond to hazardous materials related emergencies along the entire corridor route.

The SAFER Real-Time system uses the latest in cutting edge technology to allow railroad, industry and community emergency responders to accurately model the effects of accidental or intentional hazmet related releases, fires or explosions at any location along the 20-mile Alameda Corridor. As a result, detailed and illustrative information is immediately communicated to local authorities. This critical information allows for informed decisions in the early warning of the community, as well as the appropriate evacuation and "sheltering-in-place" of local community residents. Ultimately, the Real-Time software is designed to save lives.

"First and foremost, ACTA is interested in using every means possible to ensure the safety of the Alameda Corridor community. Our new state-of-the-art modeling software, SAFER Real-Time, will help us achieve this goal," said Timothy Buresh, ACTA's Director – Construction and Engineering. "This software tool will help ACTA, along with its customer and community emergency response partners, quickly and correctly develop plans to address potential hazardous materials emergencies."

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“SAFER products have been proven effective in countless emergency situations – saving many lives and millions of dollars for our customers,” said Matthew S. Collier, president of SAFER Systems. “We are proud to provide this significant and powerful capability to ACTA.”

Taking into account weather measurements, chemical/physical properties of the released substance, and local terrain, SAFER Real-Time accurately models the effects of chemical releases, fires and explosions. The user-friendly program includes powerful SAFER algorithms and is capable of modeling hazardous materials for both outside and inside of buildings. In addition, SAFER provides mapping and topographical databases for the Alameda Corridor region. Weather information is provided to the SAFER software through a series of inter-connected weather instruments.

The Alameda Corridor is a 20-mile railroad expressline that connects the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to the transcontinental rail network east of downtown Los Angeles. Currently under construction, the project will be operational in April 2002 and will serve to create a faster, more efficient way to move cargo throughout the United States and to overseas markets.

The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach represent the third largest port complex in the world. Over one quarter of all U.S. waterborne international trade depends on these ports to reach market.

SAFER Systems, L.L.C. is a Camarillo, California-based software company, and is the world leader in Chemical Risk Management software. SAFER has installed state-of-the-art emergency response management systems for the worldwide chemical and transportation industries for the past 23 years. Major corporations that manufacture, process, store or transport hazardous materials rely on SAFER Systems software in responding to emergency situations.

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