



Responsibility

Rail is the most environmentally friendly mode of transportation. We're investing millions to ensure the safety of our employees and communities, improve fuel efficiency and lower our emissions – while we contribute to the strength of the broader community with our time and resources.

CN sponsors and participates in numerous community education programs across North America every year to promote safe behaviours. Community investment programs like the *CN Miracle Match*, which helped raise more than \$1 million for children's hospitals in 2008, are another way CN works to make a difference.

Operating responsibly: leveraging the benefits of rail



Safety: a top CN priority

The health and well-being of our employees and of the citizens in our communities is a top priority at CN. Our chief safety officer oversees comprehensive training, coaching, motivation and awareness initiatives with a strong focus on compliance to promote a culture of safety within the organization.

Industry-leading investment in infrastructure integrity, active participation in community education programs like *All Aboard for Safety*, *Safe Crossing Week* and *Rail Safety Week*, and longtime membership in Responsible Care®, a chemical industry performance improvement program, are just some of the examples of our ongoing commitment to making CN the safest railroad in North America.

Investing to improve fuel efficiency and emissions

Trains emit greenhouse gases at levels six times lower than heavy trucks, and it takes 10 times more fuel to transport a tonne of freight by heavy truck than by train.

CN is continuously investing to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. In addition to ongoing improvements in rail yard practices and rail technologies, we have purchased 145 new locomotives since 2005 that produce 40 per cent less nitrogen oxides and consume up to 15–20 per cent less fuel than older models. In December 2008, we announced plans to purchase 40 additional, even more efficient, locomotives.

Contributing to stronger communities

At CN, we have long been active in our community, doing our part through charitable contributions and support of education and employee programs. With the *CN Stronger Communities Fund*, *CN Miracle Match* (which raises funds for children's hospitals) and the *CN Railroaders in the Community* employee volunteerism program, CN continues to make a difference, every day.