



# OT-5 Shipper's Perspective

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## OT-5 Process -- The Good News

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- AAR/Railinc worked in collaboration with car owners and shippers to develop the process
- There is system connectivity to other AAR/Railinc databases
- Download of previous OT-5 registrations into the new system



# Common Shipper Concerns

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- OT-5 could be used beyond announced scope
- Cost vs Planning Benefit
  - Significant additional work load to maintain tank fleets in system
  - With many tank cars used for multiple origins, carriers and products, will the system provide the hoped for planning insight?



## Common Shipper Concerns – cont'd

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- New car standards for existing fleet
  - Applications of existing cars being rejected for Wild wheels, ABT, etc. - data inconsistencies with Umler etc.
- Storage requirements not well defined or communicated
- System not friendly to uploading large data files – web screen entry



## OT-5 Dialogue

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- What would make OT-5 better?
- Is the end of year deadline realistic?