

# Port Operations and Logistics



**Sustainability and STEM Careers**

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# Agenda

- Virginia Port Authority Overview
- Unit 1 - Port Pollution
- Unit 2 - Green Ships
- Unit 3 - Port Logistics
- Unit 4 - Containerization



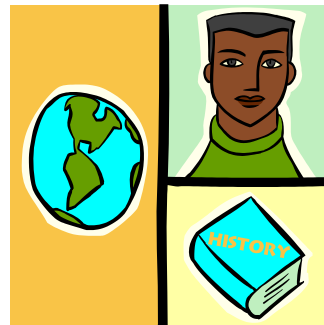
# Objectives

- Develop an awareness of Virginia Port operations and their economic impact
- Develop an understanding of Port Logistics
- Gain knowledge of Port Sustainability Initiatives
- Explore port related careers
- Reinforce Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related Standards of Learning (SOLs)
- Develop workplace Readiness Skills



# Virginia Port Authority (VPA) History

- Prior to 1971, seaport terminals were managed separately by individual Hampton Roads cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News
- Virginia Port Authority was created by an Act of the General Assembly and unified port operations
  - Portsmouth Marine Terminal (PMT)
  - Newport News Marine Terminals (NNMT)
  - Norfolk International Terminals (NIT)
  - Virginia Inland Port



# Vision Statements



- Port of Virginia primary gateway for international cargo transported through Mid-Atlantic and Mid-West regions.
- Virginia Port Authority - promotes economic development and stimulates job growth through international trade.

# VPA Overview

- Port-related business provides over 343,000 jobs yearly
- \$13.5 billion in payroll revenues, and
- \$1.2 billion in local tax revenues.
- Since 1996,
  - warehousing and distribution investment has increased by over \$416 million
  - employed over 12,000 people in Hampton Roads.
- The Virginia Inland Port, located in Front Royal Virginia, has attracted 24 warehousing and distribution centers
  - providing a total income of \$599 million with over
  - 6 million square feet of space
  - over 7,000 workers.
- Wal-Mart, Target, Home Depot, Dollar Tree, Lillian Vernon, and Cost Plus - distribution facilities in the Commonwealth because of a world class port facility and structure.

# Background - Facility Locations

- 3 marine terminals located on the Harbor of Hampton Roads with 50 foot deep-water channels
- No bridge obstructions in the channels leading to the Authority's terminals
- Served by 4 railroads
  - – Norfolk Southern
  - – CSX
  - – Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line
  - – Eastern Shore
- Close proximity to major Federal Interstates
  - (I-164, I-264, I-464, & I-664) and State highways



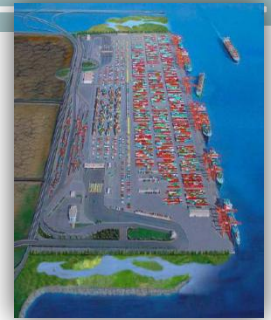
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- Show video at <http://www.vit.org/>



# Future Development



- ***Craney Island Marine Terminal*** is the future of the VPA
- \$2.2 billion construction cost, including \$400 million for dike and levee construction
- Feasibility study by the VPA and the US Army Corps of Engineers complete
- Anticipated to be constructed in four separate phases
- Phase I includes two years for design, two years to construct levees, two years to fill and four years for terminal construction
- Anticipated opening of Phase I is 2017

# Port Pollution - Unit 1

- Almost 90% of the worlds trade is carried by ship. 2.7% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions come from shipping
  - Air Pollution
  - Water Pollution
  - Noise Pollution
  - Storm water Management
  - Careers



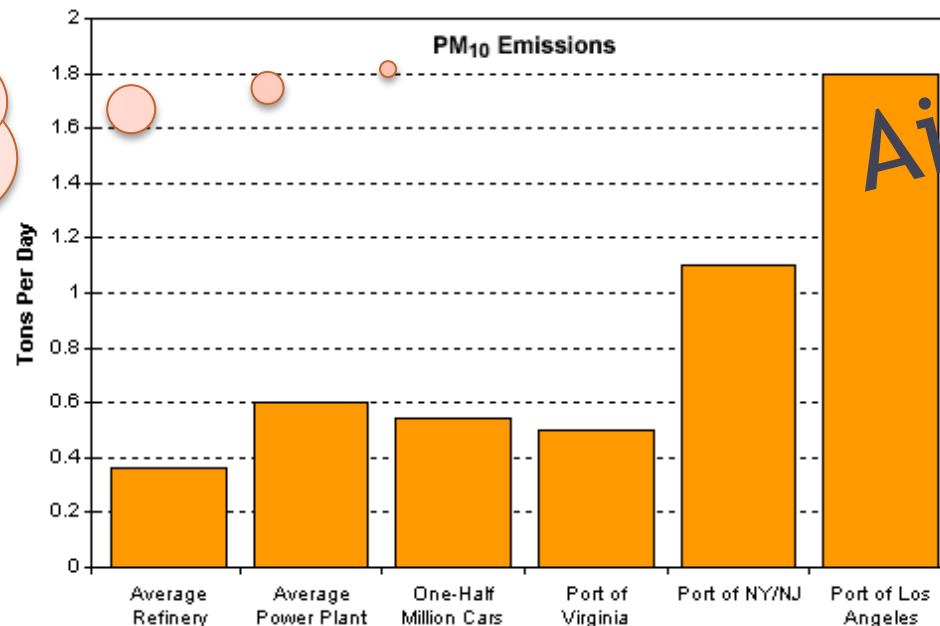
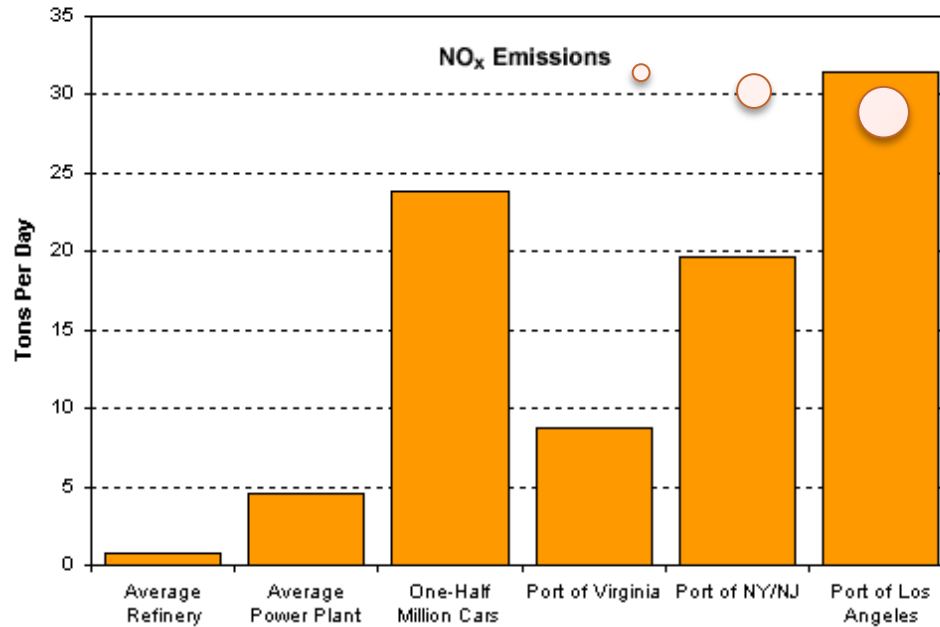
# Air Pollution

- Shipping ports produce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions
- Port air pollution threatens public health
- U.S. ports are among the largest sources of air pollution in their cities
- Ships use low grade bunker fuel
- Burning fuels release toxic air contaminants, smog, and greenhouse gases

# Air Pollution Control Strategies

- Use of alternative fuels such as LNG
- Changing operating procedures to improve efficiency
- Use newer diesel engines that pollute less
- Install pollution control equipment
- Switch to grades of diesel fuel containing lower sulfur content
- Electric Dock Service
  - A docked cargo ship can burn seven tons of diesel fuel a day to run its electrical generators.

## Pollution from Ports Compared to Refineries, Power Plants, and Cars



Particulate  
Matter  
(PM)

Nitrogen  
Oxides  
(Nox)

Air Pollution

# Water Pollution

- Damage to Marine Life and Ecosystems
- Depletion of oxygen in water
- Wastewater and Leaking of Toxic Substances
- Accidental Spills
- Storm water Runoff
- Dredging operations



# Spill Control Measures

- Setting up floating booms
- Spraying of dispersing agents – [Gulf leak of 2010](#)
- Pumping out any fuel still in the tanks
- Transferring fuels and other hazardous materials to a recycling center
- Cleaning the water surface with skimmers, followed by treatment in settling tanks

# Oil boom and skimmers





# Noise Pollution

- Causes environmental and health problems
- Mitigation strategies:
  - Use of noise barriers
  - Limit vehicle speeds
  - Alter roadway surface texture
  - Use traffic controls that smooth vehicle flow to reduce braking and acceleration
  - Tire design
- Cost of adding to new facilities is low

# Noise Reducers

Noise Barrier



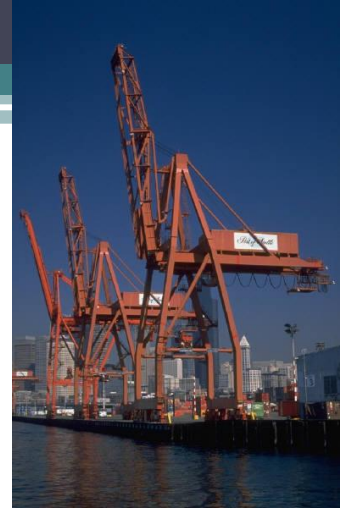
Tread Design

# Stormwater Management

- Vegetated Swales
- Water skimmers
- Oil/water separators
- Sediment Traps
- Retention Ponds



# APM Terminals Portsmouth Environmental Initiatives



- Maintain buffer of undeveloped forest and wetlands
- Planted 200,000 wetland type plants
  - Saltgrass
  - Needle Rush
  - Marsh Elder and Wax Myrtle
- Donated \$5.3 million to the Elizabeth River Trust to reseed oyster beds

# Careers

- Green conscious operations will generate an increase in port related jobs as ports expand and become more sustainable.
- Example: Design and Production of a Electric hostler port truck
- Video tour - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=of1AlrG8gVU>



# Electric truck Specifications

- **Performance**

- Maximum speed: 40 mph
- Maximum range (empty): 60 miles/full charge
- Maximum Range (fully loaded): 30 miles/full charge

- **Charging Specs**

- Charging Time (60% charge): 1 hour
- Charging Time (100% charge): 3-4 hours

# Electric truck Specifications con't.

- Price per truck: \$189,950 (yard hostler model); \$208,500 (on-road model)
- Price of charger: \$75,000, can charge 4 vehicles simultaneously
- Charger Connection: existing 440v system (total output 80kw)



# Green Ships - Unit 2

- ▣ Reduce use of Bunker Fuel
- ▣ Design Solutions
- ▣ Tugs and Barges
- ▣ Careers





# Reducing Bunker fuel Usage

- Most ships use bunker fuel
- Causes health problems ranging from asthma to cancer
- Ships are responsible for 2.7% of world carbon dioxide emissions.

# Green Ship Design Solutions

- Exhaust gas scrubbers
- Trim Optimization
- hydrogen-hybrid engines
- Ballast water treatment
- Waste Heat Recovery
- Conversion to Biofuels
- Wind Energy

# Exhaust gas scrubbers



- Scrubbers can be used for washing the exhaust gas from the main engine
- Scrubbers remove Sulfur dioxide, or  $\text{SO}_2$ , emissions
- And harmful particles from exhaust gases

# Trim and Drag Optimization

- Minimize water resistance to minimize fuel consumption.
- Silicone based paint reduce drag while protecting the ocean from biocide leakage.
- Low drag can save 1200 tons of fuel per year/ship

# Bulbous Bow

**Bulbous bow** reduces drag on ships increasing fuel efficiency 12 – 15 percent.



# Hull Drag and decreased efficiency

- Surface fouling increases drag by 20 to 60%, reducing a vessel's speed by 10%
- Increasing its fuel consumption by as much as 40%,
- According to research by the US Navy.
- This problem cost the Navy approximately 300 million annually to remediate.



# Barnacle growth on ship hulls



# Hydrogen-hybrid engines?

- Hydrogen-hybrid produce zero-emissions
- 1<sup>st</sup> design based on British Waterways vessel powered by stored hydrogen
- No need to carry high pressured gasses on board ship



# Ballast Water

- Used to provide stability during a voyage
- Water many times is taken on at one port and discharge at another.
- This practice introduces non-native organisms to different environments
- Chemical biocides
- Heating Ballast water
- Filtration
- Ballast Exchange

# Waste Heat Recovery (WHR) Systems

- Utilize the waste heat from the engine to heat up steam for a turbo electric generator.
- There is a potential of up to 14 % CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with a new optimized Waste Heat Recovery System.



# Biofuels

- Ethanol and biodiesel, can be blended with or substituted for diesel
- Biodiesel which is made from oil of soybeans and used cooking oil.
- Rapeseed and Canola oils can be used for motor oils and hydraulic fluid.

# Wind Energy

- Use of sail kites
- Autopilot controls the sails
  - Determines optimal shipping routes
  - Packs and unpacks the sail
  - Sail has 5,000 sq meters of surface area
- Sails contain giant compressed air compartments
- Shaped like a paraglide
- Generates 5-25 times the power of conventional sails



# Tugs and Barges

- More fuel efficient and safer than trains and trucks
- Move 1 ton of cargo 576 miles on 1 gallon of fuel
- Annually 620,000,000 tons of cargo is moved via the inland waterways

# Tugs and Barges

If waterborne cargo were diverted to highway or rail:

- Truck traffic would double on the Interstates
- Rail tonnage would increase 25%



# Tugs and Barges - Green?

- A 15 barge tow can carry 22,500 tons of cargo or 767,000 bushels of grain or 6.8 million gallons of fuel.
- By rail this would require 2 trains each with 100 jumbo hopper cars winding through 2.75 miles of track.
- By truck this would require 870 semitrailers in a line 34 miles long on our highways.

# Careers

- Explore Port Careers -  
<http://port.thinkport.org/workingattheport/default.asp>
- Port of Long Beach Career [videos](#)
- Such as:
  - [Longshoremen](#)  
[Tug boat operations](#)  
[Pilots](#)  
[Customs and border protection](#)  
[Marine operations](#)  
[Accounting](#)  
[Freight forwarding and customs brokerages](#)  
[Trucker](#)
  - Port Security



# Port Logistics - Unit 3

- Port Movement Equipment
- Port Automation – APM Terminal
- Container Terminals
- Bulk Cargo
- Intermodal Freight Transport
  - Road Transport
  - Rail Transport
- Careers



# Port Movement Equipment



RMG's



Straddle  
Carrier

Rubber Tire  
Gantry



Reach  
Stacker



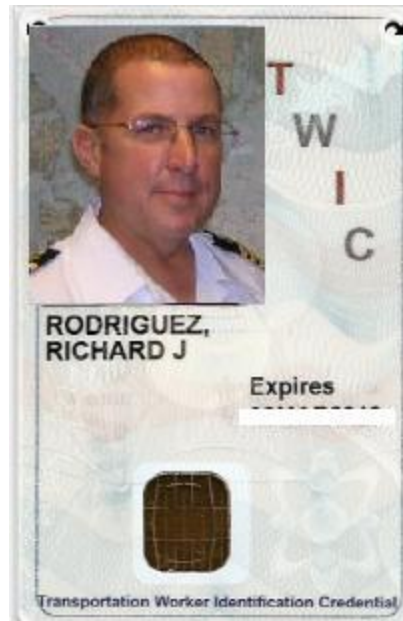
# Port Automation

- APM Terminal – Portsmouth, automation leader
- Remote control operated Gantries
- Rotterdam and Hamburg use automated guided vehicles
- Radiation portal monitors (RPMs)
- Gate Operations increase throughput and security
- Container Tracking System (RFID)
- Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) ID

# Radiation Portal Monitors (RPM's)



# Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Identification Card System



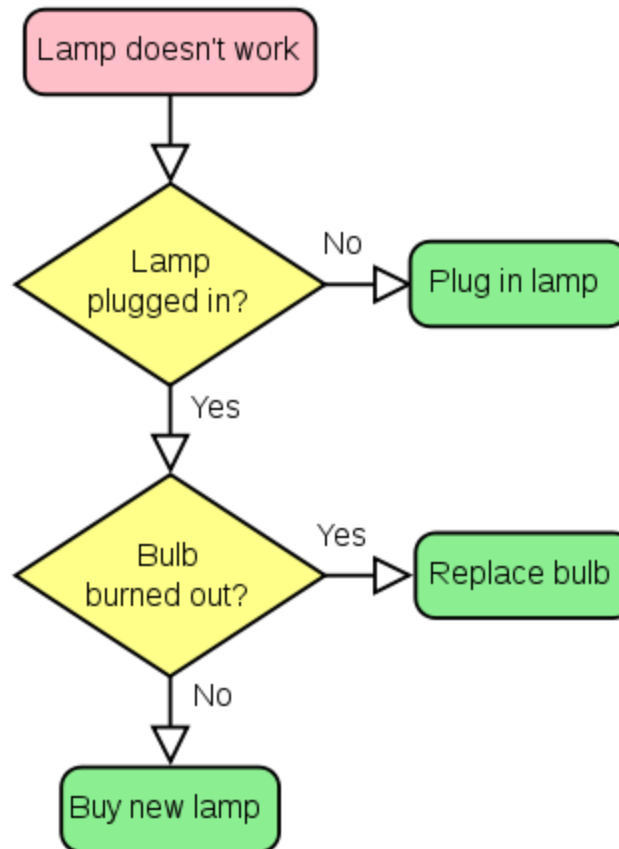
# Container Terminals

- Where cargo containers are transshipped between different transport vehicles
- Straddle carriers optimize movement
- Automated systems use algorithms to assign carriers jobs to increase productivity



# Algorithm sample

- Other [samples](#)





# Bulk Cargo

- Dry Bulk
- Liquid Bulk
- Break Bulk





# Dry Bulk - Examples

- A lot of dry bulk goods are moved via tugs and barges along major rivers and the Great Lakes
- Coal, Bauxite, cement, wood chips
- Grain (wheat, maize, rice, barley, oats, rye, etc.)
- Iron (ferrous & non-ferrous ores, pig iron, scrap metal, pelletized taconite), etc.)
- Chemicals (fertilizer, plastic pellets, resin powder, synthetic fiber, etc.)
- Dry edibles (alfalfa pellets, citrus pellets, livestock feed, flour, peanuts, raw or refined sugar, seeds, )
- Bulk minerals (sand & gravel, copper, limestone, salt, etc.)

# Liquid Bulk

- Petroleum
- Liquefied natural gas (LNG)
- Gasoline
- Chemicals
- Liquid edibles (vegetable oil, cooking oil, fruit juices, etc.)

# Intermodal freight transport

- Uses multiple modes of transportation (rail, ship, and truck)
- The method reduces cargo handling
- improves security
- reduces damages and losses
- allows freight to be transported faster

# Road Transport



- National, regional and local truckload (TL)
- Less than truckload (LTL) services
- Domestic air and intermodal services
- Specialized services (flatbed, oversized, GOH)
- Port and intermodal
- Retail store and distribution center deliveries
- Local same day express pickup and deliver

# Distribution centers



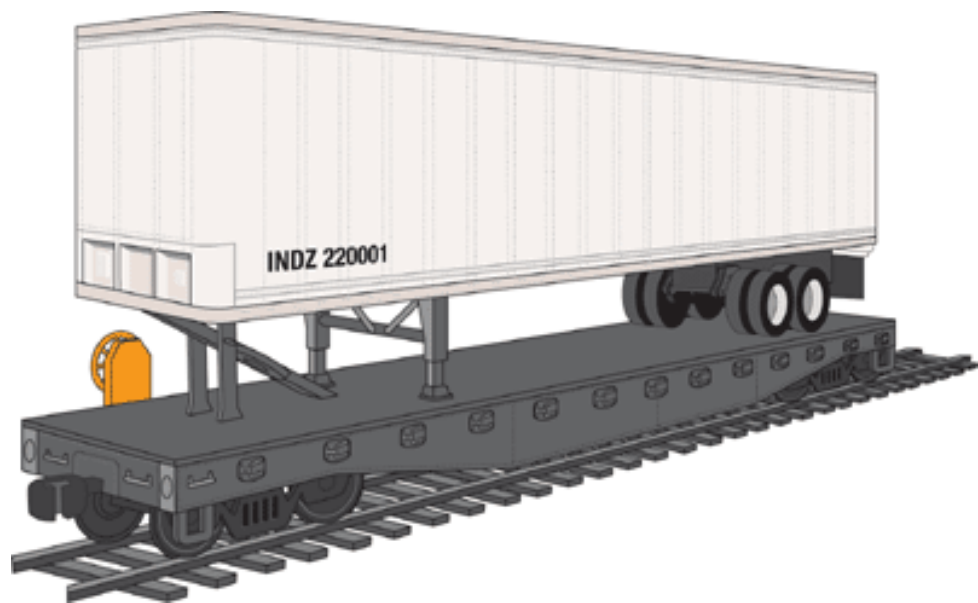
# Rail Transport

- **Safe, clean, efficient**
- Container well cars
- “Piggyback” or TOFC (*trailer on flatcar*)
- Container on Flatcar (COFC)
- Crescent Corridor Intermodal Initiative



## Container Well Car

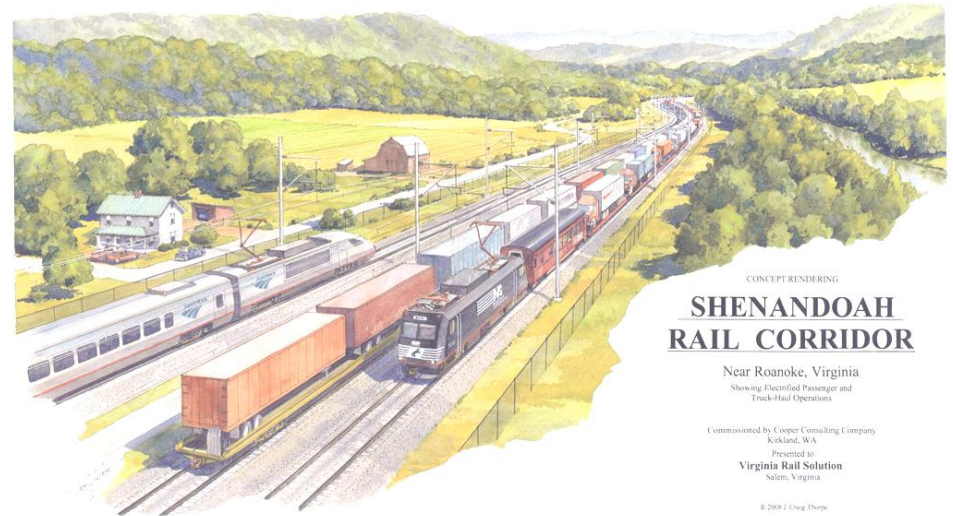
## Trailers on Flat Car (TOFC)





# Crescent Corridor Intermodal Initiative

- Ease congestion
- Reduce Area Pollution
- Increase rail freight transportation capacity
- Improve mobility
- Improve the environment
- 73,000 Green Jobs





# Careers - Requiring HS Diploma

- Longshoremens or Stevedores
- Fork lift Operators, Gantry Crane Operator
- Crane Operators, Straddle Carrier Operator
- Material Handlers
- Logistics technicians
- Rail car brakemen
- Truck drivers
- [Explore Port Careers -](http://port.thinkport.org/workingattheport/explore/default.asp)  
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# Port Operators - Job characteristics

- Work in small teams
- Outdoors and in all weathers
- Physically fit
- Work with your hands
- Use Mechanical Handling Equipment (MHE)
- Able to work safely
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# Careers - Requiring College Degrees

- Logistics Analysis
- Intermodal Transportation
- Import/export Operations
- Supply Chain Management
- Top schools for Transportation and Distribution
  - Ohio University
  - Purdue University
  - St Louis University

# Containerization - Unit 4

- ▣ Container shipping
- ▣ Modular standards
- ▣ Container Innovation
- ▣ Supply Chain Management
- ▣ Warehousing and Distribution
- ▣ Careers



# Container Shipping

- The U.S. container shipping began on April 26, 1956
- Malcolm McLean put 58 containers aboard a refitted tanker ship, the *Ideal-X*, and sailed them from Newark to Houston.
- Ideal-X was a converted T-2 tanker with 58 trailer trucks bodies attached to the main deck.

# 1956 first Container Ship



# Container Ships

- Use standard intermodal containers as directed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- Approx. 90% of manufactured cargo worldwide is transported by container ship
- Can carry up to 15,000 Twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs)



# Modular standards

- Modular standards of 20- and 40-foot container lengths, set by the International Organization for Standardization in the early 1960s
- The 53-foot container is in widespread use in U.S. domestic freight





# Container Ports - cargo loads for 2009:

• <u>Container Port</u>	• <u>TEUs (mil)</u>
• Los Angeles	• 6.7
• Long Beach	• 5.0
• New York City / New Jersey	• 4.5
• Oakland, California	• 2.0
• Savannah, Georgia	• 2.3
• Tacoma, Washington	• 1.5
• <b>Hampton Roads, Virginia</b>	• <b>1.7</b>
• Seattle, Washington	• 1.5
• Charleston, South Carolina 2.0	• 1.1
• Houston, Texas	• 1.8

# Container Innovation



- Foldable Containers -
- Roll-on/roll-off (RoRo) -  
<http://port.thinkport.org/allabouttheport/roro.asp>
- ConRo -



# Trans-Rak containers-

- 4 full-size cars transported in one 40 feet Hi-Cube container
- Protection of cars from damage
- Waterproof and anti-break-in design
- Quick and easy to load/unload
- Load from the ground or trailer level
- Does not require extra devices
- Lloyd's Register certified

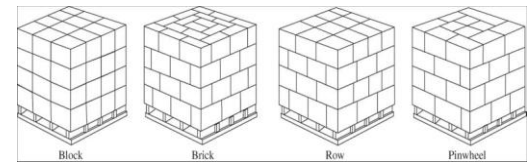


# Supply Chain Management (SCM)

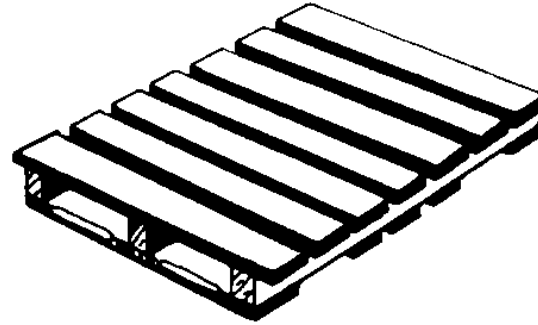
- Spans all movement and storage of raw materials, work-in-process inventory, and finished goods from point of origin to point of consumption.
- Reduce total logistics costs
- Take a systems approach when planning logistical activities
- Maximize inventory use & trade-offs to develop the most efficient and effective SCM strategy.

# Supply chain logistics management

- Packaging
  - Cartons, Bins
  - Master Cartons
  - Containerization/Unitization
    - Rigid Containerization
    - Flexible Containerization



# Pallets



- Platform with enough clearance to enable the insertion of forks
- Materials: Wood (most common), paper, plastic, rubber, and metal
- Size of pallet is 48 x 40 in. pallet is most popular in US
- 1200 x 800 mm "Euro-Pallet" is the standard pallet in Europe

# Green Pallets

- 2 billion plus wooden pallets used in the US alone
- This equals 1 million acres of hardwood forest
- Substantial cost savings
- Weight reduction
- Improved safety
- Reduction in waste disposal fees

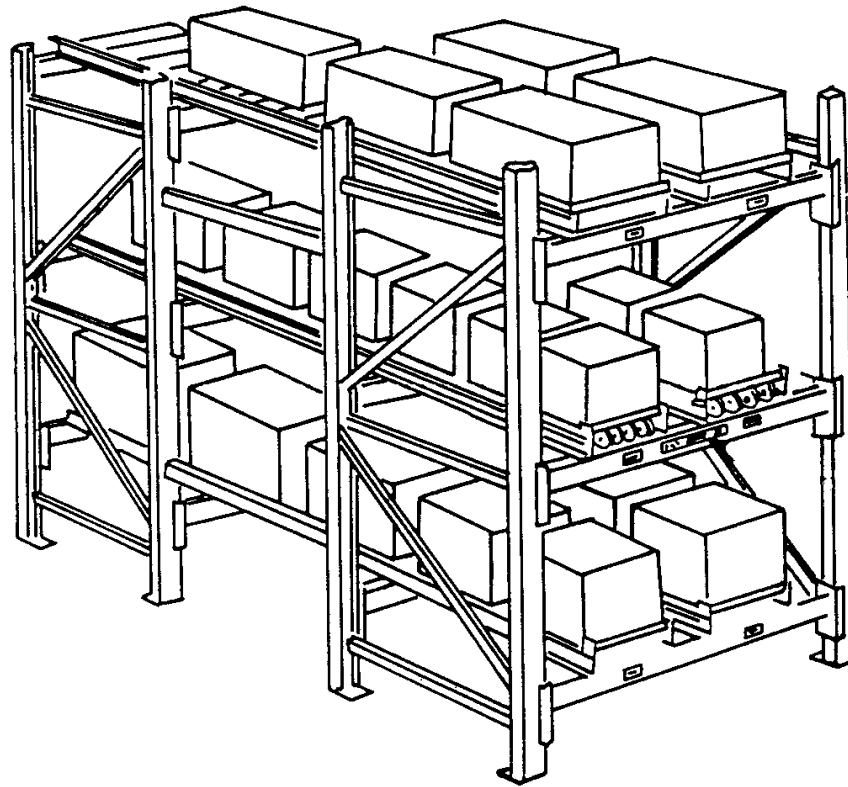


# Green cost savings

- Here is a simple savings scenario in dry freight costs using corrugated versus wood pallets:
  - A 53 ft high cube trailer can hold approximately 48000 lbs of product and 30 wood pallets weighing 2100 lbs.
  - The weight difference between a 12 lbs corrugated pallet and a 70 lbs hardwood pallet in a truckload is 1740 lbs.
  - This 58 lbs per pallet-difference in LTL equates to one free truckload for every 27 truckloads shipped.



# First in First out (FIFO)



# Material Handling Systems

## Mechanized Systems

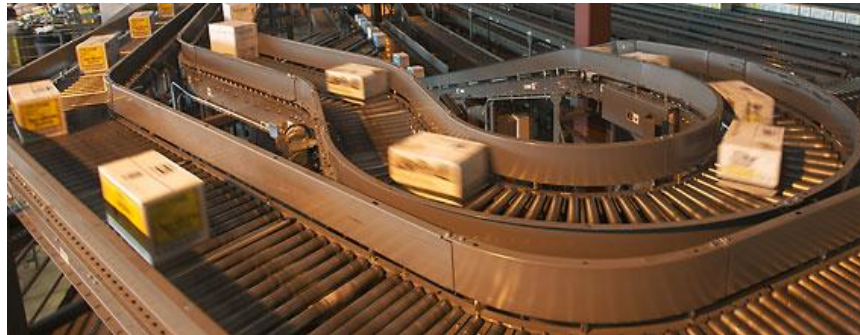
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**Forklift Trucks**



**Tractor-Trailers**



**Conveyers**

# Automated Systems

## Robotics



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## Automated Guided Vehicles (AGV)



## Automated Sortation Systems



## Carousels (Live Racks)

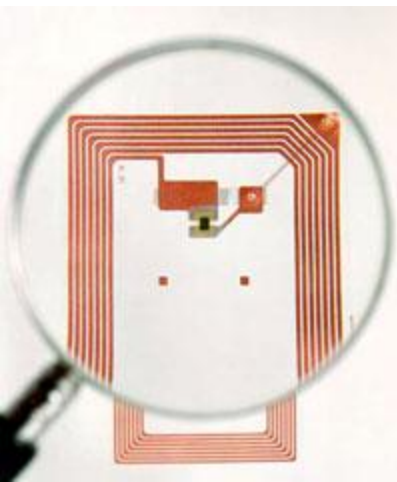
# Automated Storage & Retrieval System (AR/RS)





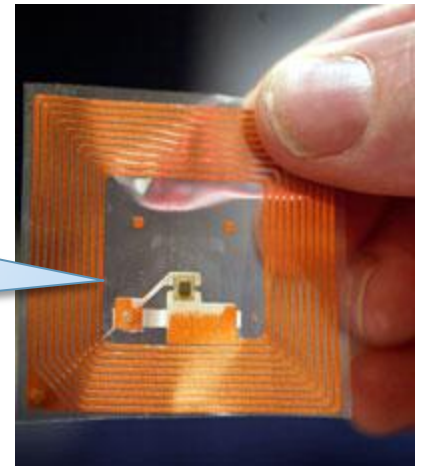
# RFID

- Radio frequency identification (RFID) tags talk to networks
- The tags communicate with an electronic reader
- The reader is connected to large networks which can collect, manage and analyze large amounts of data.



**1999 RFID**  
Tag for  
tracking  
luggage

**RFID**  
Tag



# Information Directed Systems



**RF (Wi-Fi) Systems**

**Pick to Light Systems**

# Careers - (Non - Degree)

- Warehouseman
- Forklift operators
- Stevedores
- Security guards
- Truck drivers
- Captains & Mates of Water Vessels
- Dispatchers
- Cargo handling equipment mechanics
- Marine cargo inspectors

# Careers – Requiring College Degrees

- Green Supply Specialist
  - Certification – [California State University](#)
- Logistics Analyst
- Pilots
- [Transportation Management](#)
- Logistician
- Distribution managers
- Supply Chain Management
- Scholarships Opportunities:
  - The Containerization & Intermodal Institute ([CII](#))



# Colleges

- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
  - Marine Transportation - A program combining nautical science and maritime business management.
  - Maritime Operations and Technology - A marine transportation program enhanced with marine engineering studies.
  - Logistics and Intermodal Transportation - A program combining nautical science and logistics and intermodal management.

# Colleges

- SUNY Maritime College
  - International Transportation & Trade
  - International Transportation & Trade / Intermodal and Maritime Security
  - Marine Business and Commerce with a Humanities Study Area Concentration
- Rutgers University