



*Press Release*

## ***Veolia Transportation Rail Division Names George Elsmore as Vice President of Safety and Compliance***

**Silver Spring, Md. – January 15, 2009** – Veolia Transportation announced that George Elsmore has joined the company's Rail Division as Vice President of Rail Safety and Compliance. In this role, Elsmore will manage all aspects of the company's rail safety program and will represent the Rail Division in several key strategic partnerships as well as in legislative affairs related to safety and security.

Prior to joining Veolia Transportation's Rail Division, Elsmore spent 14 years with the California Public Utilities Commission, overseeing the State of California's Rail Safety Branch. His most recent role was Program Manager. This rail safety division of the CPUC is the largest federally participating state railroad safety agency in the country.

During his career with the CPUC, his diverse responsibilities encompassed many aspects of senior management and operations including human resources, strategic planning and budget management. He supervised major investigations and coordinated multiple cross-matrix functions and projects. Elsmore also managed legislative affairs and relationships with governmental agencies at both the state and federal level, including the Federal Railroad Administration.

"Veolia Transportation is committed to leading the rail industry in safety," said Ron Hartman, executive vice president of Veolia Transportation's Rail Division. "We invited George to join our organization because he has extensive rail experience, operational and safety expertise, integrity and the leadership skills that will help us achieve this goal."

Elsmore has spent 35 years in the rail industry. He began his rail career with Union Pacific Railroad in 1974 as a groundsman and quickly moved through the ranks from linesman to Signalman to train dispatcher and chief train dispatcher. Elsmore is the past president of the Association of State Rail Safety Managers (ASRSM). He attended the University of Utah – Salt Lake City.

### **About Veolia**

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Veolia Transportation is part of Veolia Transport, the world's largest private operator of multiple modes of public transit, including bus, rail, paratransit, shuttle, ferry and taxi services. Veolia Transport operates contracts for 5,000 city transit authorities in 27 countries, and transports 2.5 billion passengers per year. The Company operates some of the most sophisticated networks in the world, including Stockholm, Melbourne, Bordeaux, Rouen, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Denver and San Diego. (<http://www.veolia-transport.com/en/>)

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