



April 12, 2008 Site Visit  
American Society for Quality  
Columbia Basin Section 614



Saturday,  
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**“All Aboard” for a Site Visit**  
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9:30 a.m. - Check in/Networking  
10:00 a.m. – Tour Begins

Tour will last about 1 hour.  
Closed-toe shoes are required.



**Moving Your Products ... on the Right Track**

**LOCATION: Railex LLC**  
627 Railex Road  
Burbank, Washington 99323  
Phone: (509) 546-7630

**Jim Kleist**  
General Manager

Directions to Railex --  
<http://www.railexusa.com/northwest.php>

RAILEX® is a new, innovative distribution platform designed to enhance logistics, distribution, consumer demands and inventory control. It was created to link the needs of growers, shippers and manufacturers with retail and food service distribution.

Please park in the employee parking lot and then walk across the lot to the front entrance to Railex.

The Railex platform features two refrigerated, mega-transload distribution centers; one in Wallula, Washington and the other in Rotterdam, New York. Between these two coast-to-coast distribution centers runs a scheduled weekly five (5) day service 55-car refrigerated unit train, with the capacity to transport the equivalent of 220 trucks of refrigerated merchandise each and every week, both ways. The train consists of all new 64-foot series cars with fresh air exchange, GPS tracking and temperature control. Railex incorporates the latest technologies with its own infrastructure and private non-stop rail service to ensure the same scheduled departure day and time every week, 52 weeks a year. Five (5) day coast-to-coast delivery is GUARANTEED.

**Cost: This special site visit is FREE for ASQ members and non-members – but can only accommodate a limited number, so be sure to make your reservations early!**

The Washington facility is able to access and deliver the highest quality produce available while maintaining the utmost in care, custody and control of each package. Railex’s unique, earth friendly "unit trains" allows it to provide a level of service and reliability unheard of with prior modes of transportation.

Reservations are requested by April 8. Send an email to [prevette@owt.com](mailto:prevette@owt.com) with your name, phone number, company affiliation, or call Steve at 373-9371.

Washington Governor Chris Gregoire selected Railex for a Governor’s Award for Best Practices in Economic Development. The tribute was one of seven presented at the 2006 Governor’s Economic and Workforce Development Conference. Railex was also cited as an example of non-traditional investment in transportation.

For more information about ASQ, our section and other upcoming events, check our web site at [www.asq614.org/](http://www.asq614.org/).

Join us on Saturday, April 12 for a site visit at the Railex facility that is sure to be enlightening and educational!

General Manager Jim Kleist will provide an overview of the Railex Distribution Facility, and send you back to your home and workplace with a better understanding and appreciation of Railex’ food distribution and quality control methods.