SECRET LIFE OF CONTAINERS

READING

This paper summarizes the movement of containers, as well as the potential impacts of containers which move through Texas on the state’s transportation system. Stakeholders, including ocean carriers, trucking companies, freight forwarders, container leasing companies, and railroads were surveyed in order to provide a better understanding of the container industry within Texas and the United States.

The following questions can be used to facilitate discussion regarding the reading, or as quiz questions for quizzes used to encourage students to complete assigned readings.

DISCUSSION/QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. Which country is the world’s leading container manufacturer?
2. Why might a carrier chose to lease containers instead of buying them?
3. Give two examples of how containers can be repurposed after retired for moving goods.