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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM
HAZMAT SUMMARY BY CLASS FOR CALENDAR YEAR - 1997

Serious Incidents*

Hazard Class	Incidents	Injuries		Fatalities	\$ Damages
		Major	Minor		
Flammable-Combustible Liquid	217	2	3	9	11,599,525
Corrosive Material	118	31	18	0	4,717,456
Miscellaneous Hazardous Material	54	1	1	0	962,547
Combustible liquid	31	0	0	0	707,990
Flammable Compressed Gas	20	6	3	3	934,094
Oxidizer	15	0	0	0	1,206,663
Poisonous Materials	15	1	1	0	508,366
Nonflammable Compressed Gas	12	0	0	0	411,040
Dangerous When Wet Material	3	0	0	0	94,800
Poisonous Gas	2	0	0	0	8,680
Explosive Projection Hazard	1	0	0	0	278,786
Very Insensitive Explosive	1	0	0	0	55,830
Flammable Solid	1	0	0	0	130,455
Total - 1997	490	41	26	12	21,616,232

NOTE: DUE TO MULTIPLE CLASSES BEING INVOLVED IN A SINGLE INCIDENT, THE TOTAL ABOVE MAY NOT CORRESPOND TO THE TOTAL IN OTHER REPORTS.

* PHMSA revised the definition of a serious incident in 2002. This report uses the current definition:

- a fatality or major injury caused by the release of a hazardous material,
- the evacuation of 25 or more persons as a result of release of a hazardous material or exposure to fire,
- a release or exposure to fire which results in the closure of a major transportation artery,
- the alteration of an aircraft flight plan or operation,
- the release of radioactive materials from Type B packaging,
- the release of over 11.9 gallons or 88.2 pounds of a severe marine pollutant, or
- the release of a bulk quantity (over 119 gallons or 882 pounds) of a hazardous material.