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U . S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM  
HAZMAT SUMMARY BY CLASS FOR CALENDAR YEAR - 1998

Serious Incidents\*

Hazard Class	Incidents	Injuries		Fatalities	\$ Damages
		Major	Minor		
Flammable-Combustible Liquid	207	5	8	13	20,783,812
Corrosive Material	109	11	22	0	7,962,471
Miscellaneous Hazardous Material	42	2	1	0	1,798,547
Nonflammable Compressed Gas	24	2	3	0	120,430
Combustible liquid	20	1	0	0	679,963
Oxidizer	18	0	0	0	484,575
Flammable Compressed Gas	17	0	2	0	755,644
Poisonous Materials	13	0	2	0	392,678
Explosive No Blast Hazard	3	1	0	0	2
Very Insensitive Explosive	3	0	0	0	211,210
Flammable Solid	2	0	0	0	34,022
Spontaneously Combustible	2	0	0	0	170,000
Other Regulated Material, Class D	1	0	0	0	0
Organic Peroxide	1	0	0	0	15,150
Infectious Substance(Etiologic)	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total - 1998</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>33,408,504</b>

NOTE: DUE TO MULTIPLE CLASSES BEING INVLOVED 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.