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## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM HAZMAT SUMMARY BY MODE / CAUSE FOR CALENDAR YEAR - 2003

## **SERIOUS INCIDENTS\***

Mode / Cause	Injuries				
	Incidents	Major	Minor	Deaths	Damages
Air					
Human Error	12	0	0	0	1,715
Package Failure	1	0	0	0	0
Vehicular Accident/Derailment	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	13	0	0	0	1,715
Highway					
Human Error	160	8	2	1	2,272,883
Package Failure	72	3	3	5	778,432
Vehicular Accident/Derailment	176	4	12	9	31,945,653
Other	10	1	0	0	1,005,222
SUBTOTAL:	418	16	17	15	36,002,190
Railway					
Human Error	20	0	1	0	450,890
Package Failure	18	1	0	0	206,397
Vehicular Accident/Derailment	16	0	0	0	2,348,071
Other	1	0	0	0	16,402
SUBTOTAL:	55	1	1	0	3,021,760
Water					
Human Error	2	0	0	0	65,650
Package Failure	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicular Accident/Derailment	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	2	0	0	0	65,650
Other					
Human Error	0	0	0	0	0
Package Failure	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicular Accident/Derailment	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	0	0	0	0	0
Total - 2003:	488	17	18	15	39,091,315

Note: Due to multiple causes being involved in a single incident, the total above may not correspond to the total in the other reports.

<sup>\*</sup> PHMSA revised the definition of a serious incident in 2002. This report uses the current definition:

<sup>-</sup> a fatality or major injury caused by the release of a hazardous material,

<sup>-</sup> the evacuation of 25 or more persons as a result of release of a hazardous material or exposure to fire,

<sup>-</sup> a release or exposure to fire which results in the closure of a major transportation artery,

<sup>-</sup> the alteration of an aircraft flight plan or operation,

<sup>-</sup> the release of radioactive materials from Type B packaging,

<sup>-</sup> the release of over 11.9 gallons or 88.2 pounds of a severe marine pollutant, or

<sup>-</sup> the release of a bulk quantity (over 119 gallons or 882 pounds) of a hazardous material.