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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM
HAZMAT SUMMARY BY CLASS FOR CALENDAR YEAR - 1996

Serious Incidents*

CLASS	INCIDENTS	INJURIES		DEATHS	DAMAGES
		MAJOR	MINOR		
Explosive Mass Explosion Hazard	1	0	0	0	200,000
Very Insensitive Explosive	4	1	0	0	19,941
Combustible liquid	28	2	50	2	2,688,426
Flammable Compressed Gas	49	5	4	0	2,381,253
Nonflammable Compressed Gas	16	3	31	0	1,042,660
Poisonous Gas	10	5	788	2	4,784,450
Flammable-Combustible Liquid	243	15	22	6	18,119,152
Flammable Solid	3	0	0	0	48,438
Spontaneously Combustible	1	0	0	0	24,000
Dangerous When Wet Material	3	0	0	0	112,809
Oxidizer	12	0	0	110	1,187,113
Poisonous Materials	23	0	19	0	1,022,213
Radioactive Material	3	0	0	0	1,500
Corrosive Material	105	14	18	0	7,223,041
Miscellaneous Hazardous Material	37	2	13	0	1,418,555
Total - 1996	538	47	945	120	40,273,551

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 previous definition:

- a fatality or major injury caused by the release of a hazardous material,
- closure of a major transportation artery,
- the evacuation of 6 or more persons due to the presence of a hazardous material,
- a vehicle accident or derailment resulting in the release of a hazardous material