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

Serious Incidents*

CLASS	INCIDENTS	INJURIES		DEATHS	DAMAGES
		MAJOR	MINOR		
Flammable-Combustible Liquid	210	2	6	9	12,384,119
Corrosive Material	127	31	17	0	5,183,545
Flammable Compressed Gas	54	6	3	3	1,169,053
Miscellaneous Hazardous Material	38	1	5	0	2,825,961
Oxidizer	25	0	2	0	1,156,557
Poisonous Materials	23	1	1	0	594,117
Nonflammable Compressed Gas	20	0	1	0	1,947,871
Combustible liquid	19	0	0	0	505,693
Radioactive Material	8	0	0	0	1,853
Poisonous Gas	6	0	0	0	9,017
Flammable Solid	6	0	0	0	130,807
Dangerous When Wet Material	2	0	0	0	60,800
Other Regulated Material, Class D	1	0	0	0	10,525
Explosive Mass Explosion Hazard	1	0	0	0	0
Explosive Projection Hazard	1	0	0	0	0
Very Insensitive Explosive	1	0	0	0	55,830
Organic Peroxide	1	0	0	0	52,500
Total - 1997	543	41	35	12	26,088,248

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