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

Serious Incidents*

CLASS	INCIDENTS	INJURIES		DEATHS	DAMAGES
		MAJOR	MINOR		
Flammable-Combustible Liquid	5,942	15	52	6	20,464,026
Corrosive Material	5,299	14	117	0	9,470,303
Poisonous Materials	1,067	0	42	0	1,573,453
Miscellaneous Hazardous Material	509	2	18	0	1,829,391
Combustible liquid	372	2	53	2	3,234,872
Oxidizer	271	0	7	110	1,292,168
Nonflammable Compressed Gas	233	3	36	0	1,119,666
Flammable Compressed Gas	218	5	6	0	2,558,273
Organic Peroxide	103	0	0	0	36,765
Flammable Solid	82	0	4	0	70,745
Other Regulated Material, Class D	58	0	1	0	3,852
Poisonous Gas	54	5	792	2	4,818,262
Radioactive Material	27	0	0	0	1,550
Dangerous When Wet Material	24	0	0	0	115,366
Spontaneously Combustible	21	0	0	0	35,380
Very Insensitive Explosive	5	1	0	0	24,941
Explosive No Blast Hazard	4	0	0	0	350
Infectious Substance(Etiologic)	3	0	0	0	0
Explosive Mass Explosion Hazard	2	0	0	0	200,000
Explosive Fire Hazard	1	0	0	0	0
Total - 1996	14,295	47	1,128	120	46,849,363

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

* RSPA 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.