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A. General Considerations

- 1. DOT: Department of Transportation
- 2. HMTA: Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (DOT)
- 3. HCS: Hazard Communication Standard (OSHA)
- 4. CHEMTREC: CHEMical TRansportation Emergency Center (ACC)
- 5. ACC: American Chemistry Council
 - (formerly the Chemical Manufacturers Association -- CMA)

B. RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

6. SQG: small quantity generators (below legally

prescribed quantities, generators are subject

to less stringent RCRA requirements)

7. HSWA: Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments

of 1984 (to RCRA)

C. CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

8. RQ: Reportable Quantity (under CERCLA, releases above

this level must be reported to the national response

center, a toll free hotline at 1-800-424-8802).

- 9. NCP: National Contingency Plan
- 10. CERCLIS: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,

and Liability Information System (an inventory,

often a prelude to being placed on NPL)

- 11. HRS: Hazard Ranking System
- 12. NPL: National Priorities List (based on HRS)

D. SARA: Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

- 13. ATSDR: Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry
- 14. EPCRA: Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act

(title 3 of SARA)

15. TPQ: Threshold Planning Quantity (under SARA,

releases above this level must be reported to the State Emergency Response Commission).

16. TRI: Toxic Release Inventory

Objectives: Bhopal - could it happen again?

where is it, and what can we do about it?

alphabet soup, access databases

Identify superfund site, and its main hazards

Use tri to find haz materials in your neighborhood

Interview a TRI contact, or chemtrec