

the shortest (79 pages) chapters in the book. What is there is good, the material being divided into three subsections: (1) implosion and similar hazards, (2) explosion hazards, (3) fire hazards. Coupled with section 6.2 on chemical hazards (15 pages), King does a reasonably good job of overviewing the problems of the chemical industry in this field. But much more could have been written in this area. And, being aware of author's background and the quality of both, one could hope he would author a complete text on safety in the chemical industry.

In conclusion, I did browse through the book as suggested, shopping around to find sections of interests. I found many — all interesting and informative. And, although the book does not concentrate on the chemical industry, there is so much material applicable to it that I feel the book is a must for any safety engineer specializing in the chemical field.

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*Contact Guide to Specialists in Toxic Substances.* World Environment Center, New York, 1980, 174 pages.

This is a handbook for science journalists, environmental writers and regular beat reporters who need to know as much as possible, as quickly as possible, about poisonous substances and their effects. It is not a book of factual material, but rather is a guide to expertise — i.e. the names of specialists in fields related to toxic substances.

There are two main sections to the book:

- (1) By topic — with the specialists in each area named.
- (2) By specialty (alphabetical order) giving the expert's title, affiliation, address, telephone number and professional profile.

One of the areas, for which experts are provided, deals with the transportation of hazardous substances and spills thereof. In this area some truly knowledgeable people are listed — however most of those listed are neither known to this writer nor to the media person, who not knowing the depth of his resource expert's experience in "spills" will not be certain of his expert's knowledge or ability — and hence the book's major drawback.

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*Hazardous Materials — 1980 Emergency Response Book*, DOT-58002 (1980), Materials Transportation Bureau, Research and Special Programs Administration, US Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20560, 140 pages (Free).

This handy manual (with a brilliant orange cover) is a thorough revision of DOT's earlier (1978) response guide (in livid red) and is a "must" for anyone