

Book Reviews

Suspect Chemicals Sourcebook, 4th edn., prepared by Roytech Publications with the Cooperation of the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA), Roytech Publications, 1499 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010, 1985, approx. 315 pages, paperback, \$125.00.

With the numerous federal and state regulations which apply, in one way or another, to chemicals, the availability of a guide to the specific legal citation for a substance is of considerable significance. This fourth edition presents access to 6000 chemicals cited in nineteen federal laws or other data source (such as NIOSH Current Awareness Bulletins), and two international sources, namely, International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals (IRPTC) in Geneva, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France. Each chemical is arranged alphabetically, with the citation or citations referred to by the key numbers, as well as the CAS (Chemical Abstract Service) number. The OSHA Chemical Hazard Communication Standard (Right-to-Know) references are given in a separate section of 18 pages, and the CAS numbers for these are given in a separate section of 17 pages. The extensive 88 pages appendix is devoted to the OSHA Communication Standard, starting with a summary of the standard, followed by the full text (which is a reprint of the official text, as noted in 29 CFR 1910.1200, based on the Federal Register notice of November 25, 1983, pages 53280-53340.

The sourcebook is an excellent reference. In addition, it is available on computer magnetic tape (9 track/1600 bpi, unlabeled format) for \$795.

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Safety and Health Standards Applicable to Surface Metal and Nonmetal Mining and Milling Operations, 30 CFR Part 56, U.S. Dept. of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Metal and Nonmetal Mine Safety & Health, Supt. of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, May 1985, \$6.50.

Miner's Manual: How to Spot Hazards, Protect Yourself, and Use Your Legal Rights, 3rd edn., by J.D. McAteer, T.N. Bethell (Ed.), Crossroads Press, Occupational Safety and Health Law Center, 1536 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036, 1985, 357 pages, paperback, \$6.95.

That mining is a highly hazardous occupation has been documented; how effective rules, laws, and regulations are in reducing the hazards are less clear. The latest version of the metal and nonmetal safety and health law is part of the picture; a similar set of laws regulate coal and other underground mines.