

*Manual for Spills of Hazardous Materials*, Technical Services Branch, Environmental Protection Service, Environment Canada, March 1984, approx. 600 pages, no price given.

In the United States, the most widely used response guides are the U.S. Coast Guard's CHRIS Manual and the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Emergency Response Guidebook*. This book is the Canadian equivalent of both.

Information is provided for approximately 220 chemicals — both qualitative and quantitative — for those responding to or planning for hazardous material spills. The foreword said this book is unique “in that it encompasses quantitative data on chemical properties, fire properties, human health and toxicity, reactivity and environmental toxicity, as well as quantitative response information.”

The data supplied are complete and comprehensive. The guide will take its place among the most-used tools of responders. It is simply excellent.

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