

in the areas of: wastewater treatment, hazardous waste treatment and disposal and uncontrolled hazardous waste site cleanup. Specifically, the session topics (each having several papers) were:

- Biological treatment
- Contaminated soils
- Physical chemical treatment
- Recycling/waste minimization
- Remedial action
- Regulatory issues
- Legal issues
- Groundwater
- Control technology (solid and hazardous waste)
- Underground storage tanks
- Special topics

These proceedings are excellent, both in content and quality of reproduction.

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Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary, by N.I. Sax and R.S. Lewis, Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, NY, 1987, ISBN No. 0-442-28097-1, 1288 pp., 11th ed., US \$52.95.

This industrial chemical dictionary will occupy a prominent position on my personal reference shelf next to Sax's other two books, *Hazardous Chemical Desk Reference* and *Dangerous Properties of Industrial Materials*; together, these three books form a powerful data base.

In addition to the mundane (but useful) definition of chemical terms such as humic acids, Hudson lactose rule and humidity, condensed data are given for numerous chemicals (including cross references). How many chemicals are listed was not given in the press release (and I did not count them) but the book jacket noted the book had more than 20,000 entries. For each chemical, the chemical class is given, formula, brief description of chemical properties and hazards, source of occurrence, derivation, grade and use.

It is a superb chemical reference source and one I am embarrassed to admit I have not seen before. Now, having reviewed the book, I am a firm admirer of this and the other noted texts by Sax and his co-workers.

I finally note the price. At US \$52.95 for 1288 pages, this is one of the cheapest books (per page) I have seen in several years. But let not this comment by a parsimonious reviewer lead the reader to believe quality is not present in the text; it is. The book is of the very highest physical as well as technical quality. I strongly advise its purchase.

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