

Kingdom: Bioterrorism Defense.” Filling 16 pages, this section was the longest in the book. It begins as follows: “The UK government has long been prepared to deal with disaster in whatever form it may take—natural, accidental, or deliberate.” Given the succession of arrests made after the bombings, one can conclude that the UK was well-prepared for the terrorist attacks.

As I leafed through the book (and I did briefly glance at every page), I detected categories or topics (which, by the way, were in alphabetical order by heading) beginning with a section entitled “Abu Sayyaf Group” and ending with a section entitled “Weather Underground: A Case Study (Students for a Democratic Society ((SDS)), Weathermen).”

The groups of topics in the book include the following:

- *Terrorist groups*: Abu Sayyaf Group, Aliens of America, Al-Qua’ida, Armed Islamic Group: a Case Study, Army of God, Baader-Meinhof Gang (Baader-Meinhof Group, ROTE, ARMEE, Fraktion), Chechen Separatists, . . .
- *Biological agents*: Anthrax (*Bacillus anthracis*), botulism toxin, brucellosis, glanders (*Burkholderia mallei*), hemorrhagic fever viruses, smallpox, . . .
- *U.S. government agencies*: Central Intelligence Agency, Centers for Disease Control, Edgewood Chemical Center, U.S. EPA, F.B.I., Food and Drug Administration, Fort Detrick and USAMRIID, Homeland Defense, Los Alamos National Laboratory, . . .
- *Foreign countries*: Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Korea, Kurdistan, Lybia, Sudan, Syria, . . .
- *Individuals*: Diane Thompson—a case study, Larry Wayne Harris, . . .

In summary, I will return to the editors’ preface which says: “And while we have aimed to be as comprehensive as possible, possibly the greatest lesson of our work is that, particularly in the (scientific) age of biotechnology and the (sociological) age of terrorism (at least as far as the public perception is concerned), the realm of bioterrorism is without bounds.”

In my opinion, this book will be immeasurably useful in that defense with the information contained in it. Needless to say, I found the book fascinating and will from time to time return to it to read a section or two. The information contained in the book should be extremely valuable to all local emergency-planning agencies worldwide.

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G.W.A. Milne (Ed.), Gardner’s Commercially Important Chemicals: Synonyms, Trade Names, and Properties, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Hoboken, NJ, 2005, 1201 pp., US\$ 150.00, ISBN 0-471-473518-3.

This book contains information on 4174 chemicals. The editor notes that:

“The main criterion for inclusion of a material in this handbook is its importance as a significant commercially available chemical. Thus all bulk inorganic chemicals are included, all major pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, antifungal agents, and so on) and many dye stuffs, surfactants, metals and inorganic compounds are described in this book.”

The editor also notes that “For each chemical, the appropriate identifying information (CAS Registry Number, structure, molecular formula and chemical name is provided) and in each case, an exhaustive list of known synonyms is given.”

This book is divided into three sections: (1) Main Section, (2) Index Section (which contains three indexes), and (3) Directory of Manufacturers and Suppliers.

Section 1 contains the data on each chemical as noted above. Section 2 has, as noted, three indexes: Index 1 contains locator systems using CAS Number, Index 2 enables the reader to locate the number for any European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances Number, and Index 3 contains all names, synonyms, and trade names and their identifiers for the compounds in the data base.

Section 3 is a directory of chemical manufacturers and suppliers whose products are described in the book with the entries being in alphabetical order by company name; if available, the postal address, telephone number, fax number, and website address were provided.

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Thomas F.P. Sullivan, Editor Emeritus, et al., Environmental Law Handbook, 18th ed., Government Institutes/Scarecrow Press, Lanham, MD, 2005, 948 pp., US\$ 99.00, ISBN 0-86587-985-0.

In the opening paragraph of the book, the author of this section notes:

“Over the past three decades, ‘environmental law’ has evolved into a legal system of statutes, regulations, guide-