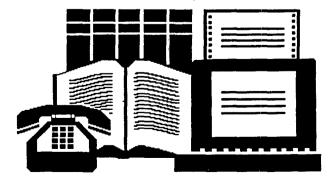
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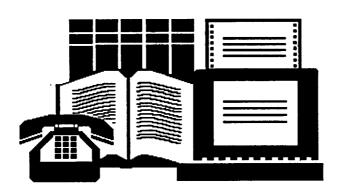
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## **Hazardous Waste Superfund Database Thesaurus**

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## HAZARDOUS WASTE SUPERFUND COLLECTION AND DATABASE

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#### **GOALS**

The Collection and Database:

- Provide a unified resource of major hazardous waste reports, books and journals available through the EPA Library Network.
- Provide current information to assist EPA staff in making timely and effective policy and regulatory policy decisions.
- Assist in the transfer of hazardous waste information from the EPA to the states as part of the Agency's technology transfer effort.

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- Continually growing, the Collection contains books and journals, legislation and regulations, reports from Federal agencies, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (Can VER) policy and guidance directives and EPA reports from selected program offices.
- The Database mirrors the contents of the Collection. A user can search the Database with little or no computer experience.

#### **ACCESS**

- The Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection is available for use in the EPA Headquarters Library. Selected documents from the Collection are distributed to the 10 EPA Regional libraries and laboratories in Ada, OK; Cincinnati, OH; Edison, NJ; Las Vegas, NV; Research Triangle Park, NC and the National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) in Denver, CO.
- The Database is updated quarterly and reflects ongoing acquisitions to the Collection.
- The Database is available to the public through the EPA Online Library System (OLS) which resides on the EPA mainframe. To access it, the user will need a computer, modem and telecommunications software. The dial in number is (919) 549-0720. The parameters are as follows:

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For user support, call: (800) 334-2405. For a user manual to OLS, call (919) 541-2777.

■ A PC version of the Database can be used at the HQ Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection Reference area. It is also on display at EPA's new Public Information Center.

For more information about the PC version call:

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## **INTRODUCTION**

his <u>Hazardous Waste Superfund Database Thesaurus</u> (Thesaurus) provides an index to terminology related to hazardous waste and facilitates the use of the Hazardous Waste Superfund Database (HWSFD). In this third edition of the Thesaurus new keywords have been added to ensure that the Thesaurus reflects current concerns in the field of hazardous waste. Several keywords, which were not used extensively, have been deleted.

The Thesaurus is divided into two parts: the Alphabetical List of Keywords and the List of Corporate Sources. The first part lists the Database indexing terms alphabetically with an accompanying definition. Beneath each term are found other terms that have been classified as "broader" (BT), "narrower" (NT), or "related" (RT) to the listed keyword. The List of Corporate Sources contains a complete list of names and acronyms for organizational sources currently indexed within the collection. This list will aid users in their search for documents prepared by EPA Offices or other government agencies.

The terms and their accompanying definitions have not been subject to peer review. This Thesaurus is meant as an aid to individuals searching only the Hazardous Waste Superfund Database. These terms and their definitions in no way reflect the official views or policy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Hazardous Waste Superfund Database allows patrons access to information in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection (HWSFC). The Collection consists of: EPA reports, policy and guidance directives from the EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), commercially published books, audiovisual materials, legislation, regulations, and reports from selected Government Agencies, such as the General Accounting Office. All items contained within the Collection have as their primary focus the subject of hazardous waste. For more information on these documents, please refer to <u>Guide to Key Documents and Information Sources</u> which is part of the <u>Superfund Information Access Series</u>.

Each item in the Collection corresponds to a record in the Hazardous Waste Superfund Database. The Thesaurus lists subject terms used to classify the documents in the Collection. Users of the Thesaurus will formulate more effective searches and retrieve more pertinent records from the Database.

The Hazardous Waste Superfund Database can be accessed by dialing into EPA's mainframe or using computer programs on a personal computer. Details for access are contained in the <u>Superfund Information Access Series</u> publication, <u>Hazardous Waste Superfund Database Users Manual</u>.

For further information about this document or the Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection, contact the following librarians of the Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection: Felice Sacks, (contractor), Head Librarian, or Fabienne McGovern (contractor), Reference Librarian at 202/260-5934. The address is U.S. EPA Headquarters Library, Room 2904, Mail Code PM-211A, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

This document is part of a series entitled <u>Superfund Information Access Series</u>. The series is a comprehensive guide to information resources available at the Environmental Protection Agency on the subject of the Superfund program and related hazardous waste topics. The individual publications comprising the series are as follows:

- Guide to Key Documents and Information Sources describes individual document types forming the core of the Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection and categorizes the Collection according to reference type and subtopics. Provides information on obtaining publications.
- Journals an annotated guide to journals and other serials covering hazardous waste topics.
- Databases and Electronic Systems fact sheets on databases and bulletin board systems supported by EPA and containing data related to hazardous waste.
- Hazardous Waste Superfund Database Users Manual a guide for using the online and PC versions of the Hazardous Waste Superfund Database.
- Hazardous Waste Superfund Database Thesaurus a keyword guide for terms used to search the Hazardous Waste Superfund Database.
- Legislation and Regulations information about legislative and regulatory sources within the Collection.
- Building a Hazardous Waste Collection a "how to" book on acquiring basic items for a hazardous waste collection.

Reference herein to any specific commercial publisher or service does not constitute or imply endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the EPA.

#### **GUIDE TO THE FORMAT**

Shown below is a sample entry from the Alphabetical Display.

Remedial Actions - Those solutions either proposed or actually
 undertaken for the permanent cleanup at a Superfund site. Use for Remedial Designs, Remedial Response.

3———>BT Cleanup

BT Remedy Selection

4————>NT Data Quality Objectives (DQO) 5———>RT Removal Actions

Remedial Designs

6----->use Remedial Actions

- (1) Keyword
- (2) Definition
- (3) BT "Broader Term." Indicates that the keyword following BT is the more general concept under which the listed keyword would fall. The user might choose to search using the broader keyword for a more comprehensive or general search.
- (4) NT "Narrower Term." Indicates that the keyword following NT is a more specific concept under the listed keyword. The user may choose to search using the narrower keyword for a more selective search.
- (5) RT "Related Term." The keyword following RT is a concept closely related to the listed keyword other than the NT or BT relationships. The searcher may wish to search on the related keyword for a more comprehensive search.
- (6) Use Directs the user from a term not recognized as a keyword to an acceptable, recognized keyword. The searcher would never search on the non-recognized term, rather he/she should search on the synonym or newer keyword that follows the phrase "use."

## KEYWORDS ADDED TO THE HAZARDOUS WASTE SUPERFUND DATABASE SINCE JANUARY 1, 1992

Administrative Activities

ARARS

Carbon Adsorption

Closure

Community Relations

DOE

DOD

Decontamination

Dehalogenation

Documentation

**Export** 

**FOIA** 

Finances

**GAO** 

Hazard Ranking System

Import

In-Situ Vitrification

Joint Permits

Lead

Lender Liability

Mass Spectrometry

**Notice Letter** 

PAH

**POTW** 

Plume

Post-Closure

R&D

Risk Assessment

Sediment

Soil Venting

Solvent Extraction

Standards

**Statistics** 

Toluene

Total Quality Management

VOC

Vapor Extraction

## **ACRONYMS**

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

HWSFC Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection

HWSFD Hazardous Waste Superfund Database

OSWER Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

SARA Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

## **ALPHABETICAL LIST OF KEYWORDS**

"A" List

use Technology Transfer Documents

**Abandoned Sites** - A hazardous site, facility or generator that is no longer used due to permanent shutdown or disrepair.

BT Sites

**Acids** - Compounds, either organic or inorganic, that have certain similar properties, one being a pH of less than 7.0.

BT Inorganic Chemicals

BT Organic Chemicals

NT Phenol

Administrative Activities - Any tasks or activities pertaining to the management of an office, project or program.

**Adsorption** - An advanced method of treating wastes in which activated carbon removes organic matter from wastewater.

**BT** Physical Treatment

#### **Aerated Lagoons**

use Lagoons

**Aeration** - Biological treatment that is marked by the circulation of oxygen through a substance such as wastewater.

**BT** Biological Treatment

NT Aerated Lagoons

RT Aerobic Biodegradation

RT Anaerobic Biodegradation

**Aerobic Biodegradation** - Biological treatment through which microorganisms metabolize biodegradable organics in aqueous waste in an oxygen environment. Includes activated sludge process.

BT Biological Treatment

RT Aeration

RT Anaerobic Biodegradation

- **Air** The atmosphere of the earth, characterized by a mixture of gases, including nitrogen, oxygen, hydrogen, carbon dioxide, argon, neon, and helium.
  - BT Environmental Media
- **Air Stripping** System which provides for mass transfer of volatile organic contaminants from a liquid phase to a gas phase. A type of physical treatment.
  - BT Physical Treatment
- Alternative Concentration Limits (ACL) Limits, determined by an EPA Regional Administrator, which permit the occurrence of higher levels of hazardous substances than normally allowed.
  - BT Regulations
- Alternative Technologies Any unit operations and their related equipment that permanently alter the composition and toxicity of hazardous waste through biological, physical, thermal, and chemical treatment or through a stabilization/solidification process.
  - BT Control Methods
  - NT Best Demonstrated Available Treatment
  - NT Biological Treatment
  - NT Chemical Treatment
  - NT Mobile Treatment
  - NT Physical Treatment
  - NT Stabilization/Solidification
  - NT Thermal Treatment
  - RT Conventional Treatment
  - RT SITE Program
- Anaerobic Biodegradation Biological treatment in which microorganisms metabolize biodegradable organics in aqueous waste in an oxygen deficient environment.
  - BT Biological Treatment
  - RT Aeration
  - RT Aerobic Biodegradation
- **Analysis** The testing of substances to determine their chemical composition or hazardous characteristics. Use for testing.
  - BT Assessment
  - NT Corrosivity
  - NT EP Toxicity
  - NT Gas Chromatography
  - NT Ignitability

NT Incompatibility

NT Reactivity

RT Methodology

RT **Monitoring** 

Appendix VIII Constituents - As listed in 40 CFR 261. These chemicals when found in a substance are used as criteria for placement on a Hazardous Substance List. Includes Principal Organic Constituents.

> **Hazardous Substance Lists** BT

Aquifer - Underground bed or layer of earth, gravel, or porous stone containing water.

BT Soil

ARARS - (Applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements.) Requirements established by SARA to ensure that Federal or State cleanup standards of control and other environmental protection requirements, criteria or limitations for hazardous wastes are applicable or relevant and appropriate to the Superfund site.

**Asbestos** - Fibrous magnesium silicate. Highly carcinogenic.

BT Carcinogens

BT **Inorganic Chemicals** 

**Assessment** - The quantitative and qualitative study of hazardous waste and its sources. May include its effects on the environment, including the human population.

NT Analysis

NT Ecological Risk

NT Economic Assessment

NT Generators

NT Human Health Risk

NT Methodology NT Monitoring

ATSDR - (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.)

NT Toxicological Profile

**Audits** - A formal examination of the financial activities of an organization.

BT **Economic Assessment**  "B" List

use Technology Transfer Documents

**Backfill** - The process through which a previously excavated hazardous waste site is filled with non-contaminated organic material and vegetation.

BT Landfills

RT Capping

RT Excavation

**Batteries** - A group of cells or one cell which store an electric charge and emit a current. Source of hazardous waste.

BT Industry

**BDAT** - (Best Demonstrated Available Treatment). Ranking of hazardous waste alternative technologies for each specific waste. Ranking is based on factors such as availability and performance.

BT Alternative Technologies

Bibliographies - A list of citations of journal articles, books, or reports.

**BT** Information Sources

**Bioassay** - Use of living organisms to measure the effect of a substance on the environment.

BT Sensing Techniques

**Biological Treatment** - Alternative technology process whereby the organic components of hazardous waste are biologically decomposed or altered under controlled conditions to a state which is either non-toxic or less toxic than its pretreatment state. Includes composting.

BT Alternative Technologies

NT Aeration

NT Aerobic Biodegradation

NT Anaerobic Biodegradation

NT Stabilization Ponds

Boilers - Vessels in which hazardous waste is used as supplementary fuel to coal or oil.

BT Incineration

"C" List

#### use Technology Transfer Documents

**California List** - List of liquid hazardous wastes containing certain metals, cyanides, PCBs, corrosives, etc. List subsequently incorporated into the provisions of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments.

BT Regulations

**Capping** - The covering of a landfill, injection well, etc., after operations have ceased.

BT Landfills

BT Underground Injection

RT Backfill

**Carbon Adsorption** - The use of activated carbon to control effluents/emissions by absorbing VOCs from a flue gas stream or water.

**Carcinogens** - Chemicals that cause cancer. Includes polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

BT Hazardous Substances

NT Asbestos

NT Dioxins

NT Phenol

NT PCB

Case Studies - A document that summarizes the history, including contamination and remediation, of a particular hazardous waste site.

**BT** Information Sources

Cement Kiln Dust

use Pozzolanic Process

**Cementing** - Process through which wastes are stirred in water and then mixed directly with cement. Suspended particles are incorporated into hardened concrete.

BT Stabilization/Solidification

Centrification - The separation of hazardous waste through the use of centrifugal force.

The waste is placed in a confined vessel and then rapidly rotated, forcing the components of the waste to break apart and separate at the outermost walls of the vessel.

BT Phase Separation

CERCLA - (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.)

BT Legislation

NT Post-Closure Liability Fund

RT CERCLIS

RT SARA

RT Superfund

**CERCLIS** - (Comprehensive Emergency Response, Compensation and Liability Information System.) EPA database that tracks Superfund cleanup actions.

BT Superfund

RT CERCLA

RT Databases

Chemical Treatment - Alternative technology processes and related equipment that alter the chemical structure of the hazardous constituents so that the resulting material is less hazardous than the original waste.

BT Alternative Technologies

NT Chlorinolysis

NT Neutralization

NT Dechlorination

NT Dehalogenation

Chlorinolysis - Chemical treatment process characterized by the addition of large amounts of chlorine to waste at high temperatures. The process reduces the hazardous nature of the waste.

**BT** Chemical Treatment

**Civil Judicial Action** - Legal action brought about by the EPA to enforce or protect the private rights of citizens. Use for all types of legal action, except criminal proceedings.

BT Litigation

RT Criminal Judicial Action

Claims - Action through which a person or entity demands a right or due.

BT Liability

#### Clean Air Act

BT Legislation

#### Clean Water Act

BT Legislation NT 311(K) Fund

Cleanup - Process of restoring a hazardous waste site or spill.

BT Superfund

NT Pre-Remedial

NT Remedial Actions

NT RI/FS

NT Remedy Selection

NT Removal Actions

RT Restoration

RT Treatability Study

**Closure -** Actions taken by an owner or operator of a hazardous waste facility to prepare the site for long-term care and to make it suitable for other uses after wastes are no longer accepted.

#### Commercial

use Industry

**Community Awareness** - The disclosure of the dangers of hazardous chemicals to workers and the community at large; also, the participation of community groups in the preparation of emergency plans.

BT Emergency Preparedness

NT Material Safety Data Sheets

NT Notification

RT Right-to-Know

Community Relations - The effort to establish two-way communication with the public to create an understanding of EPA programs and related actions as well as assure the public input into the Agency's decision-making process.

**Compliance** - Within the context of regulations, fulfilling the requirements of specific rules and provisions.

BT Regulations

RT Non-compliance

#### Composting

use Biological Treatment

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

use CERCLA

**Confidentiality** - Withholding of precise chemical information considered proprietary by private companies.

BT Notification

Consent Decree - Agreement by defendant to cease activities asserted as illegal by EPA.

Upon approval of agreement by the court, the EPA action against the defendant is dropped.

BT Enforcement

**Construction** - Erection of both residential and nonresidential buildings. Potential source of hazardous waste.

BT Industry

Containers - Any package, can, barrel, or containing device other than tanks or drums, used to enclose a hazardous waste.

BT Storage

NT Corrosion

NT Drums

NT Storage Tanks

**Contamination** - The process by which a physical, chemical, biological, or radiological substance or matter has an adverse effect on air, water, or soil.

BT Ecological Risk

- **Contractors** Entities that are temporarily hired by the government to provide a particular service. In the case of hazardous waste management, contractors may be involved in the storage, treatment, or disposal of hazardous waste.
  - BT Management
  - RT Treatability Study
- **Contracts** Agreements in which one party performs a service in exchange for financial remuneration or a return service.
  - BT Management
- Control Methods Means by which the toxicity of hazardous waste is lessened or its impact minimized through either: (1) containment and storage (Conventional Treatment),(2) treatment (see Alternative Technologies) or (3) minimization at the source.
  - NT Alternative Technologies
  - NT Conventional Treatment
  - NT Equipment
  - NT In-situ
  - NT Ocean Dumping
  - NT TSDF
  - NT Waste Minimization
- Conventional Treatment Removal or containment of hazardous waste to regulated land treatment sites. Waste is neither treated nor destroyed. Continued maintenance is required to monitor potential contamination of surrounding environment. Solution is not permanent.
  - BT Control Methods
  - NT Land Treatment
  - NT Landfills
  - NT Liners
  - NT Storage
  - NT Surface Impoundments
  - NT Transportation
  - NT Underground Injection
  - RT Alternative Technologies
  - RT Waste Minimization
- **Cooperative Agreements** The process by which a state enters into an agreement with the EPA to manage the remedial response of a site.
  - BT Legal Aspects
- **Corrective Actions** 
  - use Removal Actions or Remedial Actions

- **Corrosion** The gradual wearing away of storage tanks, that eventually leads to leakage and contamination.
  - **BT** Containers
  - BT Drums
  - BT Storage Tanks
- **Corrosivity** Characteristic of a hazardous waste marked by the waste's ability to dissolve metals or burn the skin.
  - BT Analysis
  - RT EP Toxicity
  - RT Ignitability
  - RT Reactivity
- **Cost Recovery** Process by which EPA documents and attempts to recover the maximum practical amount of money due from responsible parties for Superfund financed cleanups.
  - BT Liability
  - RT PRP
  - RT Responsible Parties
  - RT Settlements
- Costs The amount of money needed for the cleanup of a site or the maintenance of a program. Can also be used to define the long-term economic costs due to hazardous waste contamination.
  - BT Economic Assessment
  - RT Mixed Funding
- Criminal Judicial Action Legal action brought by EPA against those parties charged with violating criminal laws.
  - BT Litigation
  - RT Civil Judicial Action
- **Data** Information used to assess the toxic nature of a substance. Also used to mean general facts or figures from which conclusions can be made.
  - BT Methodology
  - RT Data Quality Objectives

**Data Quality Objectives** - (DQO) Quantitative and qualitative statements outlining the decision-making process and data required to support EPA remedial actions decisions.

BT Remedial Actions

RT Data

RT Methodology

**Databases** - Computerized information systems.

**BT** Information Sources

RT CERCLIS

**De Minimis** - Type of settlement through which parties that contribute very small amounts of hazardous wastes to a site are able to settle with the EPA for small or "de minimis" amounts.

BT Settlements

Decontamination - Purifying a substance by removing its hazardous characteristics.

RT Cleanup

**Dehalogenation** - Remediation technology where halogens remove organic chemicals by chemically replacing them with hydrogen or hydroxide ions in order to detoxify the substance.

BT Alternative Technologies

**Delisting** - Process of excluding a waste from regulation as hazardous.

BT Hazardous Substance Lists

RT Exemptions

**Design** - A general plan or program used in hazardous waste treatment, disposal, and storage.

BT Methodology

**Dioxins** - Family of compounds with common triple ring structure of two benzene rings interconnected with a pair of oxygen atoms.

BT Carcinogens

BT Organic Chemicals

**Directives** - Special series of policy and guidance documents that provide interpretation, suggestions, and recommendations consistent with legislation.

BT Policy RT Guidance

**Directories** - Lists of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of a particular set of individuals or organizations.

**BT** Information Sources

#### Disposal

use Conventional Treatment

**Documentation** - A collection or compilation of written informational material.

DOD - (United States Department of Defense.)

DOE - (United States Department of Energy.)

**Drinking Water** - Any raw or finished water source that is or may be used as a public water system or as drinking water by one or more individuals.

BT Water

Drums - A circular vessel, commonly used to house hazardous waste.

BT Containers
NT Corrosion

#### **Dumps**

use Landfills or Ocean Dumping

**Dusts** - A finely ground dry mixture containing a small amount of pesticide with an inert carrier such as clay.

BT Solid Wastes

Ecological Risk - Discussion of the risk or damage to organic matter (plant and animal life) as well as inorganic matter (air, water, soil, etc.).

**Assessment** 

NT Contamination

NT Environmental Impact Statement

NT Natural Resources

NT Restoration

Economic Assessment - Estimating the monetary value of a program, procedure or event, and/or the monetary value of the effects of such a procedure, program, or event.

> BT Assessment

NT Audits

NT Costs NT Economic Impact

NT Fee Systems

NT Taxes

Economic Impact - Includes the social and/or economic impact of a particular decision or action.

> BT **Economic Assessment**

RT Liability

Electrodialysis - A physical treatment process through which heat energy is applied to a solution, slurry, or suspended solid mixture to vaporize part of the mixture while concentrating the semisolid components.

Membrane Separation

**Electroplating** - Production of a thin coat of metal on a surface. Source of hazardous waste.

> Industry BT

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

use Right-to-Know

Emergency Preparedness - Protective measures, mandated by the Right-to-Know provision of Title 3 of SARA, that are to be implemented by a company or community after a hazardous waste spill or emission.

> **Community Awareness** NT

NT **Emergency Response** 

Right-to-Know RT

**Emergency Response** - Action(s) taken to contain the release of hazardous substances in the environment.

- BT Emergency Preparedness
- NT Emergency Response Plans
- NT Environmental Response Team
- NT Releases
- NT Removal Actions

Emergency Response Plans - Plans developed at the State or local level, that detail procedures and responses to hazardous spills and releases in local communities.

BT Emergency Response

**Emissions** - Gaseous waste materials discharged into the environment.

BT Waste Types

**Energy** - Power produced from a source such as fuel.

- BT Generators
- NT Geothermal
- NT Radioactivity
- NT Utilities

**Enforcement** - The means employed to force violators or potential violators of the law to obey the laws or make restitution for the transgression of those laws.

- BT Legal Aspects
- NT Consent Decree
- NT Illegal Actions
- NT Litigation
- NT Mediation
- NT Negotiations
- NT Settlements
- RT Section 3008(h)

**Environmental Impact Statement** - (EIS) Document that provides information concerning the positive and negative effects on the environment of major projects or legislative proposals.

BT Ecological Risk

**Environmental Media** - The three major components of the environment in which flora and fauna live: air, water, and soil.

**BT** Natural Resources

NT Air

NT Sediment

NT Soil

NT Water

**Environmental Response Team** - Group of hazardous waste experts who provide multidisciplinary assistance to EPA's other hazardous waste experts.

BT Emergency Response

**Environmental Risk** 

use Ecological Risk

**EP Toxicity** - Characteristic of a hazardous waste marked by high concentrations of heavy metals or specific pesticides.

BT Analysis

RT Corrosivity

RT Ignitability

RT Reactivity

**Equipment** - Machines used to provide a variety of services in the treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste.

**BT** Control Methods

NT Retro-fit

**Evaporation** - A physical treatment process through which heat energy is applied to a solution, slurry, or suspended solid mixture to vaporize part of the mixture while concentrating the semisolid components.

BT Physical Treatment

**Excavation** - Physical treatment process through which a hazardous waste is removed from within the ground.

**BT** Physical Treatment

RT Backfill

RT Extraction

**Exemptions** - The release of an entity from a previously determined obligation related to hazardous waste regulation.

BT Regulations

RT Delisting

**Export** - The shipping/emission of hazardous waste outside of the original generators facility. Most commonly associated with transport of wastes over state/national borders.

RT Import

**Extraction** - Physical treatment process through which dissolved or absorbed substances are transferred from a liquid or solid phase of a solvent.

BT Physical Treatment

NT Soil Washing/Soil Flushing

NT Supercritical Extraction

RT Excavation

Facility Standards - Operating guidelines, determined by the EPA, for treatment, storage, and disposal facilities.

BT Regulations

RT Location Standards

Feasibility Study

use RI/FS

Federal Facilities - Federally owned buildings or sites or federally run programs that are sources of hazardous waste.

BT Generators

RT DOD

RT DOE

**Fee Systems** - Method for funding hazardous waste disposal in which the "user" is assessed a fee for use of disposal program.

BT Economic Assessment

**Filtration** - A physical treatment process in which suspended solids are removed from a fluid by passage through a porous media with a force of gravity.

**BT** Physical Treatment

**Finances** - Relating to cost and other monetary transactions in the management of contracts, programs and other administrative activities.

Financial Responsibility Requirements - The requirement through which owners and operators prove adequate funding is available through insurance or trust funds for their closure or post-closure plans.

BT Regulations

Fires - Combustion associated with a release of hazardous materials.

BT Releases

Fluidized Bed Incineration - Type of incineration that uses refractory-lined vessels containing a bed of graded, inert granular material.

BT Incineration

**FOIA** - Documents that can only be requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

**Fuels** 

use Petroleum

Funds - Sources of money for hazardous waste cleanup and control, raised through taxes and authorized by legislation.

BT Legislation

NT 311(K) Fund

NT LUST Trust Fund

NT Post-Closure Liability Fund

RT Superfund

RT Taxes

GAO - (United States General Accounting Office.)

Garbage

use Solid Wastes

**Gas Chromatography** - Method for separating and analyzing complex mixtures of volatile organic and inorganic compounds.

BT Analysis

#### Gasoline

use Petroleum

**Generators** - Producers of hazardous waste. May be further defined by industry, quantity, or source.

BT Assessment

NT Energy

NT Federal Facilities

NT Industry

NT Municipalities

NT Sites

NT Small Quantity Generators

RT Waste Types

**Geothermal** - A form of energy produced from the heat of the earth's interior.

BT Energy

Government - Reserved for items of a very general nature. Use international, local, or State for issues addressed at such levels; otherwise, items are assumed to address issues, policies, programs, etc., at the Federal or national level.

NT Local

NT State

RT International

RT Legislation

RT Regulations

**Groundwater** - Fresh water below the earth's surface.

BT Water

RT Surface Water

**Guidance** - Documents or portions of documents that provide interpretation, suggestions, or recommendations consistent with legislation.

BT Policy

Hazard Ranking System - A numerically based system designed to evaluate the relative risk to human health or the environment posed by a site.

> Mitre Model RT

RT NPL

Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments

use HSWA

Hazardous Substance Lists - Total of four lists of substances that meet requirements as hazardous as defined by 40 CFR sec. 261 subpart D. Use for Listed Hazardous Waste.

> BT Regulations

NT **Appendix VIII Constituents** 

NT Delisting

Hazardous Substance Response Trust Fund

use Superfund

**Hazardous Substances** - Substances that adversely affect the life process.

Carcinogens NT

NT Inorganic Chemicals

NT Mutagens NT Organic Chemicals

NT Pesticides

Waste Types RT

Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

use Superfund

HEAS - (Health Effects Assessments.) Special type of document that summarizes and evaluates adverse health effects associated with a particular chemical.

> BT **Human Health Risk**

RT **HEEDS** 

RT **HEEPS** 

**Toxicological Profile** RT

HEEDS - (Health and Environmental Effects Documents.) Special type of document prepared to support listings under RCRA and provide health-related limits for emergency actions under CERCLA.

> BT Human Health Risk

RT HEAS

**HEEPS** RT

RT Toxicological Profile

HEEPS - (Health and Environmental Effects Profiles.) Special type of document prepared to support listings of hazardous constituents under Section 3001 of RCRA and provide health related limits for emergency actions under Section 101 of CERCLA.

> BT Human Health Risk

HEAS RT

RT HEEDS

RT Toxicological Profile

#### Herbicides

use Pesticides

Households - A building that typically houses a family or a group of families. Households are potential sources of hazardous waste.

> BT Municipalities

RT Solid Wastes

HSWA - (Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments.) Amendments to RCRA.

BT Legislation

**RCRA** BT

NT Section 3008(h)

Human Health Risk - Includes health risks to individuals as well as the public at large. For more general discussion of environmental risks use ecological risk.

> BT **Assessment**

NT HEAS

NT HEEDS NT HEEPS

NT Toxicological Profile

NT Worker Protection

#### Hyperfiltration

use Membrane Separation

**Ignitability** - Characteristic of hazardous waste whereby it is easily combustible or flammable.

BT Analysis

RT Corrosivity

RT EP Toxicity

RT Reactivity

Illegal Actions - Violation of a law or regulation.

BT Enforcement

#### **Immobilization**

use Stabilization/Solidification

Import - The bringing in of a substance deemed hazardous to an entity from an outside source.

RT Export

In-Situ - Treatment of contaminated soils applied without the excavation of the materials to be treated.

**BT** Control Methods

In-Situ Vitrification - Remediation technology process that treats soils and sludges, contaminated by mixtures of various wastes, by electrically melting the waste media, creating a stable glass-like solid.

BT Alternative Technologies

**Incineration** - Controlled process that uses combustion to convert a waste to a less bulky, less toxic material in an oxygenated environment.

**BT** Thermal Treatment

NT Boilers

NT Fluidized Bed Incineration

NT Industrial Kilns

NT Liquid Injection Incineration

NT Molten Salt Incineration

**Incompatibility** - Characteristics of two hazardous waste substances that when put together cause combustion or any other potentially dangerous action.

BT Analysis

Indemnification - Securing against loss or damage.

BT Liability

Indian Lands - Land that is part of an Indian reservation.

Industrial Kilns - Vessels constructed of steel casings and lined with refractory brick in which hazardous waste is burned as fuel. Includes cement, lime, aggregated, and clay kilns.

BT Incineration NT Rotary Kilns

**Industry** - Private generators of hazardous waste. Use for commercial.

BT Generators

NT Batteries

NT Construction

NT Electroplating

NT Mining

**Infectious Wastes** - Waste capable of producing an infectious disease, characterized by the presence of a pathogen with sufficient virulence to cause illness. Use for "Medical Wastes" or "Subtitle J".

BT Waste Types

**Information Sources** - Sources of information pertaining to hazardous waste.

BT Management

NT Bibliographies

NT Case Studies

NT Databases

NT Directories

NT Inventories

NT Technology Transfer Documents

RT Statistics

#### Injection Wells

use Underground Injection

#### **Innovative Technologies**

use Alternative Technologies

Inorganic Chemicals - Non-carbon chemical compounds.

BT Hazardous Substances

NT Acids

NT Asbestos

NT Metals

NT Solvents

RT Organic Chemicals

**Inspections** - Examination of a hazardous waste site, facility, or generator.

BT Monitoring

**Insurance** - Contract that guaranties protection, through compensation, from loss or damage.

BT Liability

NT Private Insurance

Interim Prohibition - Section 9003(g) of RCRA. Prohibits the installation of underground storage tanks for storing hazardous substances unless certain requirements are met.

BT RCRA

**Interim Status** - Status of hazardous waste disposal facility until a permit to operate the facility under RCRA guidelines is granted or denied.

BT Regulation

RT Loss of Interim Status

RT Permits

RT RCRA

**International** - Includes items that discuss the United States and other nations together, or items that solely discuss nations other than the United States.

BT Government

RT Local

RT State

**Inventories** - Lists of particular items.

**BT** Information Sources

- **Joint Permits** The permitting of a Treatment, Storage, and Disposal facility under State and Federal permits.
- Lagoons Natural or artificial wastewater ponds or basins in which mechanical (or diffused) air is used to supplement natural oxygen supply.
- Land Treatment Means of waste management in which wastes are deposited and worked into the soil where natural processes degrade and demobilize the hazardous constituents within the soil.
  - **BT** Conventional Treatment
- **Landfills** Disposal facilities where hazardous waste is placed in containers, or in bulk form, covered with soils and left indefinitely.
  - **BT** Conventional Treatment
  - NT Backfill
  - NT Capping
  - NT Open Landfills
  - RT Backfill

#### Lawsuits

use Litigation

- **Leachates** A liquid that results from water collecting contaminants as it trickles through wastes, agricultural pesticides, or fertilizers.
  - BT Waste Types
  - RT Leaching
- **Leaching** Process by which hazardous chemicals are dissolved or carried away by water or moved into a lower layer of soil.
  - BT Migration
  - RT Leachates
- Lead A heavy metal that is hazardous to health if breathed or swallowed. Its use in gasoline, paints, and plumbing compounds has been sharply restricted or eliminated by Federal laws and regulations.
  - RT Metals

- **Legal Aspects** Legislation and resultant regulations, funds, enforcement procedures, and liability related to hazardous waste enforcement.
  - NT Cooperative Agreements
  - NT Enforcement
  - NT Legislation
  - NT Liability
  - NT Regulations
- Legislation Laws, amendments, and particular funds created by the laws.
  - BT Legal Aspects
  - NT CERCLA
  - NT Clean Air Act
  - NT Clean Water Act
  - NT Funds
  - NT HSWA
  - NT OSHA
  - NT RCRA
  - NT Reauthorization
  - NT SARA
  - NT TSCA
  - RT Government
- **Lender Liability** The potential liability of a lending institution for the actions of the borrower.
- **Liability** Economic responsibility for costs involved in cleanup of a site.
  - BT Legal Aspects
  - NT Claims
  - NT Cost Recovery
  - NT Indemnification
  - NT Insurance
  - NT Penalties
  - NT PRP
  - NT Responsible Parties
  - RT Economic Impact
  - RT Mixed Funding
- **Liners** Materials used to prevent the migration of hazardous waste to the surrounding environment.
  - **BT** Conventional Treatment

Liquid Injection Incineration - Process which uses a series of atomizing devices to introduce finely divided droplets of waste mixed with air into a refractory-lined combustion chamber.

BT Incineration

Liquid Wastes - A waste of fluid form.

BT Waste Types

NT Slurry

Listed Hazardous Waste

use Hazardous Substance Lists

Litigation - Use for lawsuits. Legal action brought in an administrative or judicial forum.

BT Enforcement

NT Civil Judicial Action

NT Criminal Judicial Action

**Local** - Includes Government agencies, programs, laws, etc., below the State level such as municipal or county.

BT Government

**RT** International

RT Municipalities

RT State

Location Standards - Requirements specific to a site.

BT Regulations

RT Facility Standards

**Loss of Interim Status** - (LOIS) The revocation of interim status of a hazardous waste facility, caused by the inability of the facility to meet certain RCRA requirements.

BT Regulations

RT Interim Status

RT Permits

RT RCRA

**UST Trust Fund** - The Fund created by Subtitle I of the HSWA for Federal response to the problem of leaking underground storage tanks (LUST).

BT Funds

BT Subtitle I

**Management** - The supervision of programs, policies, regulations, etc., and the tools used in such supervision.

NT Contractors

NT Contracts

NT Policy

NT Training

Manifest - Invoice of cargo of a shipment of hazardous waste. Regulations require every shipment of hazardous waste to have a manifest with copies submitted to State and regional offices.

BT Transportation

**Mass Spectrometry** - Analysis of a substance or mixture of substances by electromagnetic separation of ions.

BT Analysis

BT Methodology

**Material Safety Data Sheets** - (MSDS) Document(s) which delineate physical properties, exposure limits, emergency procedures, etc., for specific hazardous chemicals.

BT Community Awareness

RT Training

Materials Recovery - Reclamation of useful constituent fractions within a waste material or the removal of contaminants from a waste source that allows it to be reused.

BT Waste Minimization

RT Recycling

RT Source Reduction

**Mediation** - The process of the settling of a dispute by a third party.

BT Enforcement

**RT** Negotiations

RT Settlements

**Medical Waste** 

use Infectious Wastes

**Membrane Separation** - Separation of solutes or contaminants from liquids through the use of semipermeable membranes. The membranes selectively reject contaminants. Includes ultrafiltration and hyperfiltration. A physical treatment process.

BT Physical Treatment NT Electrodialysis

Metals - Includes trace metals and heavy metals.

BT Inorganic Chemicals

RT Lead

**Methodology** - Procedures used, or the evaluation of procedures.

BT Assessment

NT Data

NT Design

NT Models

NT Quality Assurance

NT Sampling

RT Analysis

RT Data Quality Objectives

RT Monitoring

Migration - Uncontrolled movement of hazardous waste through the environment.

BT Monitoring

NT Leaching

**Mining** - An industry involved in the removal of ores, coal, etc. from under the surface of the ground.

BT Industry

Mitre Model - Developed by Mitre Corporation in 1981. Calculates score for potential Superfund sites. Those with high enough scores are placed on the National Priorities List.

BT Models

BT NPL

RT Hazard Ranking System

**Mixed Funding** - Monies from both Superfund and the responsible parties are used to pay for cleanup at Superfund sites.

BT Superfund

RT Costs

RT Liability

Mobile Treatment - Modular equipment and the corresponding processes that can be brought to a hazardous waste site and transported to a number of sites. Generally, the equipment is smaller than conventional equipment used in permanent structures.

> **Alternative Technologies** BT

Models - An investigative tool using a mathematical or physical representation of a system or theory that accounts for all or some of its known properties.

> BT Methodology NT Mitre Model

Molten Salt Incineration - A form of incineration of waste material that takes place beneath a bed of molten salt.

> BT Incineration

Monitoring - Periodic or continuous review of a program, facility, or the environment.

BT **Assessment** 

NT Inspection

NT Migration NT Sensing Techniques

RT **Analysis** 

Methodology RT

Municipalities - Townships or cities.

Generators BT

NT Households

NT Sewage

RT Local

**Mutagens** - Any substance that can cause a change in genetic material.

BT Hazardous Substances

National Contingency Plan or National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan

use NCP

**National Priorities List** 

use NPL

Natural Resources - Land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water, and other resources belonging to, managed by, or held in trust by the United States.

BT Ecological Risk

NT Environmental Media

NCP - (National Contingency Plan.) Establishes basic Government procedures for coordinating State and Federal response at Superfund sites. Use for National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan.

BT Superfund

**Negotiations** - The submitting and consideration of offers until an acceptable offer is made and accepted.

BT Enforcement

RT Mediation

**RT** Settlements

**Neutralization** - Chemical treatment process in which the interaction of an acid or base with another solution results in solution or mixture with a ph of between 5 and 9.

BT Chemical Treatment

**Non-compliance** - The act of not meeting up to the particular requirement of a regulation.

BT Regulations

RT Compliance

Notice Letter - EPA letter which conveys a message to a particular audience. For example, a letter to TSDF owners or operators informing them of loss of interim status; or a letter to PRPs advising them of their potential liability.

RT Notification

RT PRP

RT TSDF

**Notification** - As required by Right-to-Know Provision, Title III of SARA, companies must alert residents of the release of a hazardous substance. Also, refers to any other method for apprising a target audience.

BT Community Awareness

NT Confidentiality

RT Notice Letter

**NPL** - (National Priorities List.) List of the most hazardous sites under the Superfund program.

BT Superfund

RT Hazard Ranking System

RT Mitre Model

**Nuclear Waste** 

use Radioactivity

**Ocean Dumping** - Disposal of hazardous and municipal waste at sea, subject to the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act.

BT Control Methods

Oceans - Bodies of salt water that cover approximately 3/4 of the surface of the earth.

BT Water

Off-site - Treatment, regulation, production, etc., of hazardous waste other than at the site of its generation.

BT Sites

Oils - Non-specific term applied to several groups of organic mixtures. Includes petroleum oils and lubricants.

BT Organic Compounds

On-site - Treatment, regulation, production, etc., of hazardous waste on the property of the generator of the hazardous waste.

BT Sites

**Open Landfills** - Any facility or site where hazardous waste is disposed of which is not a sanitary landfill meeting the criteria promulgated under section 4004 of RCRA.

BT Landfills

RT Solid Wastes

Organic Chemicals - Chemical compounds of carbon, excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbolic acid, metallic carbides, metallic carbonates, and ammonium carbonate. Includes VOC or "volatile organic compounds."

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BT Hazardous Substances
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NT Acids

NT Dioxins

NT Oils

NT PAH

NT PCB

NT Solvents

RT Inorganic Chemicals

OSHA - (Occupational Safety and Health Act.)

BT Legislation

PAH - (Polycyclic aromatic hydorcarbons.)

BT Organic Chemicals

RT VOC

PCB - (Polychlorinated Biphenyls.) Any of several organic compounds used in plastics manufacturing or transformers that are toxic and persistent environmental pollutants.

BT Carcinogens

BT Organic Chemicals

**Penalties** - Includes both civil and criminal penalties.

BT Liability

**Permits** - Compliance of a hazardous waste facility with requirements of RCRA.

BT RCRA

BT Regulations

RT Interim Status

RT Loss of Interim Status

**Pesticides** - Chemical agents used to kill both plant and animal life that are seen as threats to agricultural productivity. Includes herbicides.

BT Hazardous Substances

**Petroleum** - An oily, dark colored liquid (a form of bitumen or mixture of various hydrocarbons) which is processed for fuel. Includes motor fuels, gasoline, etc.

**Phase Separation** - Physical treatment process used to separate solid/liquid or liquid/liquid suspension with different specific gravities.

BT Physical Treatment

NT Centrification

#### Phenol - Carbolic acid.

BT Acids

BT Carcinogens

**Physical Treatment** - Processes that separate waste streams by either applying physical forces or changing the physical form of the waste. In either case, the chemical structure of the waste stays the same.

BT Alternative Technologies

NT Adsorption

NT Air Stripping

NT Evaporation

NT Excavation

NT Extraction

NT Filtration

NT Membrane Separation

NT Phase Separation

NT Slurry Trenching

NT Steam Stripping

**Plume -** A visible or measurable discharge of a contaminant from a point-source. It can be visible or thermal in water, or visible in air.

**Policy** - The general principles by which the Government is guided in its management of public affairs. May also include the intended audience of the policy.

BT Management

NT Directives

NT Guidance

NT Regions

#### **Pollution Fund**

use 311(K) Fund

Polychlorinated Biphenyls

use PCB

#### Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons

use Carcinogens

**Polymerization** - Process which uses catalysts to convert a lower order polymer of a particular compound to a larger order chemical multiple with different properties for in-place stabilization/solidification.

BT Stabilization/Solidification

**Post-Closure** - Time period following the shutdown of a hazardous waste facility. For monitoring purposes, this is often considered to be 30 years.

BT RCRA
BT TSDF
RT Closure

**Post-Closure Liability Fund** - Originally authorized by CERCLA to pay cost of monitoring and maintenance of hazardous waste sites. Repealed by SARA.

BT CERCLA
BT Funds
BT SARA

Potentially Responsible Parties

use PRP

**Pozzolanic Process** - Method of solidification/stabilization in which waste is mixed with fine grained siliceous materials such as fly ash or cement kiln dust to produce a solid. Use for "Fly Ash."

BT Stabilization/Solidification

**Pre-Remedial** - In the cleanup of a Superfund site the stage prior to the implementation of the selected remedy.

BT Cleanup

**Principal Organic Hazardous Constituents** 

use Appendix VIII Constituents

**Private Insurance** - Any insurance not provided by a government entity.

BT Insurance

**PRP** - (Potentially Responsible Parties.) Parties identified by EPA which may be responsible for the hazardous waste at an uncontrolled hazardous waste site:

BT Liability

RT Cost Recovery

RT Responsible Parties

**POTW** - (Publicly Owned Treatment Works.) A waste treatment facility owned by a State, unit of local government or Indian tribe, usually designed to treat domestic wastewaters.

BT Local

BT State

Public Health

use Human Health Risk

**Pyrolysis** - Thermal decomposition of hazardous materials in an oxygen deficient atmosphere.

**BT** Thermal Treatment

Quality Assurance - A system of procedures, checks, audits, and corrective actions used to ensure that field work and laboratory analysis during the investigation and cleanup of Superfund sites meet established standards.

BT Methodology

**R & D** - Research and development of a technology application.

Radioactivity - Emission of alpha, beta, or gamma rays either naturally or as the result of human manipulation. Use for nuclear.

BT Energy

#### RCRA - (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.)

BT Legislation

NT HSWA

NT Interim Prohibition

NT Subtitle C

NT Subtitle D

NT Subtitle I

RT Interim Status

RT Loss of Interim Status

RT Permits

#### **RCRA** Amendments

use HSWA

**Reactivity** - Characteristic of hazardous waste whereby it is unstable and rapidly undergoes a chemical reaction with other materials.

BT Analysis

RT Corrosivity

RT EP Toxicity

RT Ignitability

**Reauthorization** - The reapproval of a specific piece of legislation or program. Includes the debate and discussion of the issues associated with the reauthorization.

BT Legislation

RT RCRA

RT SARA

RT Superfund

#### Record of Decision

use ROD

**Recordkeeping Requirements** - Those requirements set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations for the transportation, collection, and disposal of hazardous waste.

BT Regulations

RT Reporting Requirements

**Recycling** - The use or reuse of a waste as an effective substitute for a commercial product or as an ingredient of feedstock in an industrial process.

BT Waste Minimization

RT Materials Recovery

RT Source Reduction

**Region 1** - Includes States of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

BT Regions

**Region 2** - Includes States of New York and New Jersey; Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

BT Regions

**Region 3** - Includes States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia; and the District of Columbia.

BT Regions

**Region 4** - Includes States of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi.

BT Regions

**Region 5** - Includes States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

BT Regions

Region 6 - Includes States of New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

BT Regions

Region 7 - Includes States of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

BT Regions

**Region 8** - Includes States of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado.

BT Regions

Region 9 - Includes States of California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii; and Guam.

BT Regions

Region 10 - Includes States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska.

BT Regions

#### Regions - EPA administrative units.

- NT Region 1
- NT Region 2
- NT Region 3
- NT Region 4
- NT Region 5
- NT Region 6
- NT Region 7
- NT Region 8
- NT Region 9
- NT Region 10
- RT State

## **Regulations** - Rules or orders issued by governmental departments to carry out the intent of the law. Use for standards.

- BT Legal Aspects
- NT Alternative Concentration Limits
- NT California List
- NT Compliance
- NT Exemptions
- NT Facility Standards
- NT Financial Responsibility Requirements
- NT Hazardous Substance Lists
- NT Interim Status
- NT Location Standards
- NT Loss of Interim Status
- NT Non-compliance
- NT Permits
- NT Recordkeeping Requirements
- NT Reporting Requirements
- RT Government

#### Releases - The unintentional spill or emission of hazardous materials into the environment.

- BT Emergency Response
- NT Fires

# **Remedial Actions** - Those solutions either proposed or actually undertaken for the permanent cleanup at a Superfund site. Use for Remedial Designs, Remedial Response.

- BT Cleanup
- BT Remedy Selection
- NT Data Quality Objectives
- RT Removal Actions
- RT Superfund

#### Remedial Designs

use Remedial Actions

Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

use RI/FS

#### Remedial Response

use Remedial Actions

**Remedy Selection** - Process by which a methodology is chosen for the cleanup of a Superfund site. The selection process represents the best balance between the effectiveness, implementation, and cost factors examined in the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study process.

BT Cleanup

NT Remedial Actions

NT RI/FS

NT Removal Actions

**Removal Actions** - Cleanup actions at Superfund sites which may not be permanent in nature.

BT Cleanup

BT Emergency Response

BT Remedy Selection

RT Remedial Actions

**Reporting Requirements** - Certain requirements for the reporting of a spill or unintentional release of hazardous waste into the environment.

BT Regulations

RT Recordkeeping Requirements

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

use RCRA

Resource Recovery

use Materials Recovery

**Responsible Parties** - Parties identified by EPA that are responsible for hazardous wastes at a controlled hazardous waste site. Such parties are liable for costs incurred by the Government for removal or immediate action, etc.

BT Liability

RT Cost Recovery

RT PRP

**Restoration** - Process of returning a damaged environment to its pre-damaged state, excludes Superfund program. Use for non Superfund program cleanup.

BT Ecological Risk

RT Cleanup

**Retro-fit** - The addition of a new item, modification or removal of an existing item of equipment beyond that of regular maintenance.

BT Equipment

RI/FS - (Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Studies.) Two studies conducted at all National Priority List sites. RI determines the type and extent of contamination. FS evaluates the cleanup alternatives.

BT Cleanup

BT Remedy Selection

RT ROD

Right-to-Know - Title III of SARA, "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986." Establishes: (1) regulatory program that requires the disclosure of information about the danger of hazardous chemicals to the public; and (2) emergency response plans in case of endangerment from a hazardous chemical or substance.

BT SARA

RT Community Awareness

RT Emergency Preparedness

**Risk Assessment** - The qualitative and quantitative evaluation performed in an effort to define the risk posed to human health and/or the environment by the presence or potential presence and/or use of specific pollutants.

BT Assessment

RT Ecological Risk

RT Human Health Risk

**ROD** - (Record of Decision.) Compiled for each site on the National Priorities List. Delineates contamination, cleanup, and liability issues for each site.

BT Superfund RT RI/FS

**Rotary Kilns** - Kilns in which the combustion of the waste is enhanced through the rotation of the kiln on its axis.

BT Industrial Kilns

Sampling - A statistical method in which a subset of a group is used for testing or analysis.

BT Methodology

SARA - (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.) Amendments to CERCLA.

BT Legislation

BT Reauthorization

NT Post Closure Liability Fund

NT Right-to-Know

RT CERCLA

**Section 3008(H)** - Part of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments. Allows the EPA to take enforcement action to require corrective action or other responses necessary to protect human life whenever there has been a hazardous release in the environment.

BT HSWA

RT Enforcement

Sediment - Soils and other solids that are deposited by water to the floor of the body of water.

RT Soil

**Sensing Techniques** - Specific means by which monitoring of the environment is accomplished.

BT Monitoring

NT Bioassay

**Settlements** - An agreement between two parties relating to hazardous waste regulatory enforcement.

- BT Enforcement
- NT De Minimis
- RT Cost Recovery
- RT Mediation
- RT Negotiations

Sewage - Waste matter, including human body wastes, carried within sewers or drains.

BT Municipalities

SITE Program - (Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation.) Program to accelerate development and use of new alternative technologies for cleanup at Superfund sites.

- BT Superfund
- RT Alternative Technologies

**Sites** - The location where hazardous waste is either generated, stored, abandoned, or treated, including adjacent land used in conjunction with such activities.

- BT Generators
- NT Abandoned Sites
- NT Off-Site
- NT On-Site
- NT Uncontrolled Sites

**Sludge** - The concentration of solids removed from sewage during wastewater treatment.

BT Solid Wastes

**Slurry** - A watery mixture of insoluble matter that results from some pollution control techniques.

BT Liquid Wastes

**Slurry Trenching** - A subsurface cut-off or wall of low permeability placed near a polluting waste source in order to capture or contain resulting contamination. Use for "Slurry Wall."

BT Physical Treatment

**Small Quantity Generators** - Businesses that produce less than 1,000 kilograms or 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste in a month.

BT Generators

**Soil** - The surface layer of the earth.

BT Environmental Media

NT Aquifer

**Soil Venting** - Remediation technology which involves the excavation of soil for treatment in an aerated mill or drum, resulting in the volatilization of VOCs.

BT Alternative Technologies

BT Cleanup

**Soil Washing/Soil Flushing** - Physical treatment process which extracts contaminants from a sludge-soil matrix using a liquid medium process. An extraction process specifically for soils.

BT Alternative Technologies

BT Cleanup

BT Extraction

**Solid Wastes** - Non-liquid, non-soluble materials, ranging from municipal garbage to industrial wastes that contain complex, and sometimes hazardous substances.

BT Waste Types

NT Dusts

NT Sludge

RT Subtitle D

**Solvent Extraction** - Remediation technology which uses chemical extraction processes to separate contaminated soil and sludge into their respective phase fractions: organics, water and particulate solids.

BT Alternative Technologies

BT Cleanup

BT Extraction

RT Chemical Treatment

**Solvents** - A substance that dissolves other materials, reducing them to molecular or ionic form.

BT Inorganic Chemicals

BT Organic Chemicals

**Sorption** - Method of solidification/stabilization in which hazard contaminants are bound up in pozzolan type matrices through either physical or chemical sorption.

BT Stabilization/Solidification

Source Reduction - The reduction or elimination of waste generated at the source, usually through an external process. Source reduction implies any action that reduces the amount from a process.

Waste Minimization

RT **Materials Recovery** 

RT Recycling

#### Spills

use Releases

Stabilization Ponds - A large shallow basin for purifying industrial wastes which encourages the growth of bacteria and algae in converting organic materials to nontoxic organic substances.

> BT **Biological Treatment**

RT Lagoons

Stabilization/Solidification - Treatment to improve the structural stability and reduce the migration of waste. Often involves the conversion of a liquid waste to a solid waste. An alternative technology. Includes related equipment. Use for immobilization or fixation.

**Alternative Technologies** 

NT Cementing

NT Polymerization NT Pozzolanic Process

NT Sorption

Standards - A measurement, criteria, model by which a program, procedure or performance can be compared.

> Models RT

RT Regulations

State - Within the context of American political structure, the governing organizational unit which is directly below the national level.

> BT Government

Statistics - Numerical facts or data tabulated to present significant information about a given subject.

> **Information Sources** RT

**Steam Stripping** - Physical treatment process in which hazardous organic constituents are removed by volatilization through the dual process of heating wastewater to its boiling point and then forcing the resulting steam through the water.

BT Physical Treatment

Storage - The placement of non-treated hazardous waste at facilities or sites.

BT Conventional Treatment

NT Containers

**Storage Tanks** - Stationary devices constructed primarily of non-earthen materials designed to contain an accumulation of hazardous waste.

BT Containers

NT Corrosion

NT Underground Storage Tanks

Subtitle C - Part of RCRA. Concerns the management of hazardous waste.

BT RCRA

**Subtitle D** - Part of RCRA. Establishes a framework for coordinating Federal, State, and local government in the management of non-hazardous solid waste.

BT RCRA

RT Solid Wastes

Subtitle I - Part of RCRA. Concerns the regulations of Underground Storage Tanks.

BT RCRA

NT LUST Trust Fund

Subtitle J

use Infectious Wastes

**Supercritical Extraction** - Extraction process which is more efficient than traditional extraction. Within this process wastes are subjected to extremely high temperatures and pressures, thereby altering their solvent properties.

BT Extraction

**Supercritical Water Oxidation** - Process in which air and aqueous wastes are mixed at a temperature and pressure above the critical point of water. The process results in the oxidation of organic wastes to carbon monoxide and water.

BT Wet Oxidation

Superfund - Refers to the Program and Fund created by CERCLA, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for cleaning up abandoned and emergency hazardous waste sites.

BT Reauthorization

NT CERCLIS

NT Cleanup

NT Mixed Funding

NT NCP

NT NPL

NT ROD

NT SITE Program

NT Superfund Study

NT Treatability Study

RT CERCLA

RT Funds

Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation

use SITE Program

**Superfund Study** - Includes reports on or audits of the Superfund program, tracked by the Office of Emergency and Remedial Response.

BT Superfund

Surface Impoundments - Facility or part of a facility that can be a natural topographic depression, man-made excavation, or diked area formed primarily of earthen materials. The impoundment may be lined with man-made materials, designed to hold hazardous waste.

BT Conventional Treatment

**Surface Water** - All water naturally open to the atmosphere and all springs, wells, or other collectors that are directly influenced by surface water.

BT Water

RT Drinking Water

RT Groundwater

RT Oceans

**Taxes** - Means of raising money for various funds.

**BT** Economic Assessment

RT Finances

RT Funds

**Technology Transfer Documents** - A set of key documents, identified by EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response for the exchange of information on hazardous waste both within and outside EPA. Use for A List, B List, or C List.

**BT** Information Sources

**Testing** 

use Analysis

Thermal Destruction

use Thermal Treatment

Thermal Treatment - Alternative technology through which high temperature is used as the principal means of destroying or detoxifying hazardous waste. Includes related equipment.

BT Alternative Technologies

NT Incineration

NT Pyrolysis

NT Wet Oxidation

Title III

use Right-to-Know

**Toluene** - An aromatic organic compound that is a source of phenols and is quite toxic in original form.

BT Organic Chemicals

**Total Quality Management** - The application of management techniques and statistical controls to a process in order to improve any product "constantly and forever."

BT Management

Toxic Substance Control Act

use TSCA

**Toxicological Profile** - Characterizes the toxicological and health effects information for a particular hazardous substance. Prepared by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

BT ATSDR

BT Human Health Risk

RT HEAS

RT HEEDS

RT HEEPS

**Training** - Includes the teaching or implementation of procedures for safe handling of hazardous waste materials.

BT Management

RT Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)

RT Worker Protection

**Transportation** - The intentional movement of hazardous waste by any mode, including a pipeline. Use for transportation by a common or contract carrier, including stoppage in transit. For the unintentional movement of hazardous waste, use migration.

BT Conventional Treatment

NT Manifest

**Treatability Study** - A report (e.g., from the Superfund Treatability Clearinghouse) outlining the hazardous waste remediation activities undertaken at a hazardous waste site by a contractor.

BT Superfund

RT Cleanup

RT Contractors

Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility

use TSDF

TSCA - (Toxic Substance Control Act.)

BT Legislation

**TSDF** - (Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility.) Site where a hazardous substance is treated, stored, or disposed.

**BT** Control Methods

**Uncontrolled Sites** - Sources of hazardous waste where the contamination is increasing or migrating. No removal procedures or remedial actions have been undertaken.

BT Sites

Underground Injection - The disposal of liquid hazardous waste in deep wells drilled in land formations which ideally have no resource value and are non-permeable. Use for injection wells.

**BT** Conventional Treatment

NT Capping

Underground Storage Tanks - Stationary devices, often constructed of non-earthen materials, designed to contain an accumulation of hazardous waste. Tanks are typically used to store petroleum related products.

BT Storage Tanks

**Utilities** - Companies engaged in the provision of electric power, gas, water, and other services to the general public.

BT Energy

**Vapor Extraction** - Remediation technology that removes VOCs from soils by applying vacuum pressure through production wells. Use for "Vacuum Extraction."

BT Alternative Technologies

BT Cleanup

BT Extraction

VOC - (Volatile Organic Compounds.) Any organic compound which participates in atmospheric photochemical reactions except for those designated by the EPA Administrator as having negligible photochemical reactivity.

RT Organic Chemicals

**Waste Minimization** - The reduction, to the fullest extent feasible, of hazardous waste that is generated or subsequently treated, stored, or disposed of.

- BT Control Methods
- RT Materials Recovery
- RT Recycling
- **RT** Source Reduction

Waste Types - Any solid, liquid or gaseous material, no longer used, that is either listed as hazardous under RCRA regulations or can be identified as hazardous by the characteristics of ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or EP toxicity.

- NT Emissions
- NT Infectious Wastes
- NT Leachates
- NT Liquid Wastes
- NT Medical Waste
- NT Solid Wastes
- RT Hazardous Substances
- RT Generators

Water - Liquid composed of hydrogen and oxygen that occurs on earth as rivers, lakes, and oceans.

- BT Environmental Media
- NT Drinking Water
- NT Groundwater
- NT Oceans
- NT Surface Water

Wet Oxidation - Thermal treatment of hazardous waste in which organic materials are broken down through the use of elevated temperatures and pressures in a water solution or suspension.

- **BT** Thermal Treatment
- NT Supercritical Water Oxidation

**Worker Protection** - Includes the risks encountered in the workplace. For procedures concerning the safe handling of hazardous waste, see Training.

- BT Human Health Risk
- RT Training

**311(K) Fund** - Funds from Clean Water Act used to respond to hazardous substance discharge on interim basis before reauthorization of Superfund. Use for Pollution Fund.

- BT Clean Water Act
- BT Funds

### LIST OF CORPORATE SOURCES

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Listed below are the names of Government agencies, EPA Offices, and other organizations that have produced documents which are included in the Hazardous Waste Superfund Collection and Database. Asterisked items (\*) are non-EPA sources. These corporate sources can be searched in the Hazardous Waste Superfund Database using one or more terms in the name or the acronym.

AEERL AIR AND ENERGY ENGINEERING RESEARCH LAB

ASRL ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES RESEARCH LAB

ATSDR\* AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY

C&SD/OW CRITERIA AND STANDARDS DIVISION/ OFFICE OF WATER

CAD/OSW CHARACTERIZATION AND ASSESSMENT DIVISION/OFFICE OF SOLID

WASTE

CBO\* CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

CDC\* CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL

CEC\* COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

CEPP CHEMICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

CERI CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH & INFORMATION

CERLCOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, CORVALLIS, OR

CRS\* CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE

DOD\* DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOE\* DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOI\* DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DOJ\* DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DOT\* DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

EAD ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DIVISION

ECAO ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA ASSESSMENT OFFICE

ECAOCIN ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA ASSESSMENT OFFICE, CINCINNATI, OH

ECAORTP ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA ASSESSMENT OFFICE, RESEARCH

TRIANGLE PARK, NC

EERF EASTERN ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION FACILITY, MONTGOMERY, AL

EMSLCIN ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND SUPPORT LAB,

CINCINNATI, OH

EMSLLV ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SYSTEMS LAB, LAS VEGAS, NV

EMSLRTP ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SYSTEMS LAB, RESEARCH TRIANGLE

PARK, NC

EOP\* EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

EPA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

EPAHQLIB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY

EPRB EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE BRANCH, OFFICE OF

EMERGENCY AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE

ERD/OERR EMERGENCY RESPONSE DIVISION/OFFICE OF EMERGENCY AND

REMEDIAL RESPONSE

ERL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

ERLATHENS ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, ATHENS, GA

ERLDULUTH ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, DULUTH, MN

ERLGULF ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, GULF BREEZE, FL

ERLKERR ROBERT S. KERR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LAB, ADA, OK

ESED EMISSIONS STANDARDS AND ENGINEERING DIVISION

ESLLV ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS LABORATORY, LAS VEGAS, NV

FEMA\* FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

GAO\* GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

GLNPO GREAT LAKES NATIONAL PROGRAM OFFICE

GLWQB GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY BOARD

GWPP GROUND-WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

HEALTH EFFECTS RESEARCH LABORATORY, CINCINNATI, OH

HERLRTP HEALTH EFFECTS RESEARCH LAB, RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC

HIWD/OSW HAZARDOUS AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE DIVISION/ OFFICE OF

SOLID WASTE

HRSD/OERR HAZARDOUS RESPONSE SUPPORT DIVISION/ OFFICE OF EMERGENCY

AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE

HSCD/OERR HAZARDOUS SITE CONTROL DIVISION/OFFICE OF EMERGENCY

AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE

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HSED/OERR HAZARDOUS SITE EVALUATION DIVISION/OERR

HWERL HAZARDOUS WASTE ENGINEERING RESEARCH LAB, CINCINNATI, OH

HWGWTF HAZARDOUS WASTE GROUND WATER TASK FORCE

IAEA\* INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY ASSOCIATION

IERL INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LAB

IMSD INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES DIVISION

MDSD/OW MONITORING AND DATA SUPPORT DIVISION/ OFFICE OF WATER

MERL MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

NEA\* NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY

NEIC NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS CENTER

NIOSH\* NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

NRC\* NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NRT NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM

OAE OFFICE OF ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

OAOPS OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY PLANNING AND STANDARDS

ODW OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER

OEA OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OECD\* ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

OECM OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING

OEMI OFFICE OF ENERGY, MINERALS, AND INDUSTRY

OER OFFICE OF EXPLORATORY RESEARCH

OERR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE

OGC OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

OGWP OFFICE OF GROUND-WATER PROTECTION

OHEA OFFICE OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

OHMS/OERR OIL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL BRANCH/ OFFICE OF

**EMERGENCY AND REMEDIAL RESPONSE** 

OIG OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

OIRM OFFICE OF INFORMATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

OLEC\* OFFICE OF LEGAL AND ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL

OPA OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OPE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND EVALUATION

OPM/OERR OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT/OFFICE OF EMERGENCY AND

**REMEDIAL RESPONSE** 

OPMT/OSWER OFFICE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, OFFICE OF

SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OPP OFFICE OF PESTICIDE PROGRAMS

OPPE OFFICE OF POLICY PLANNING AND EVALUATION

OPPT OFFICE OF POLLUTION PREVENTION AND TOXICS

OPRM OFFICE OF POLICY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ORD OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

ORNAL OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY

OSBO OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN

OSMCD OIL AND SPECIAL MATERIALS CONTROL DIVISION

OSW OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE

OSWER OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OSWMP OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

OTA\* OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

OUST OFFICE OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

OW OFFICE OF WATER

OWEP OFFICE OF WATER ENFORCEMENT PERMITS

OWPE/OSWER OFFICE OF WASTE PROGRAMS ENFORCEMENT/ OFFICE OF SOLID

WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OWRS/OW OFFICE OF WATER REGULATION AND STANDARDS/ OFFICE OF WATER

OWWM OFFICE OF WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

PAS/OERR POLICY ANALYSIS STAFF/OFFICE OF EMERGENCY AND REMEDIAL

**RESPONSE** 

PSPD/OSW PERMITS AND STATE PROGRAM DIVISION/OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE

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TRDB TEST RULES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

TREASURY\* U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT

USAF\* U.S. AIR FORCE

USGS\* U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WERL WASTE ENGINEERING RESEARCH LAB

WIB/OSW WASTE IDENTIFICATION BRANCH/OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE

WMED/OSW WASTE MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS DIVISION/ OFFICE OF SOLID

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