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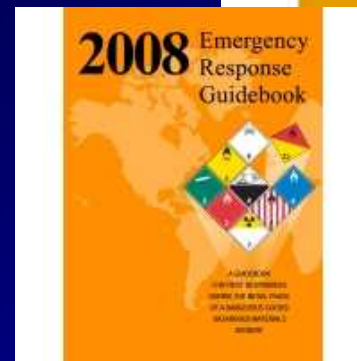
### and hazard prediction and protection zones

**FIRE OR EXPLOSION**

- May explode from heat, shock, friction or contamination.
- May react violently or explosively on contact with air, water or foam.
- May be ignited by heat, sparks or flames.
- Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.
- Containers may explode when heated.
- Ruptured cylinders may rocket.

- High concentration of gas may cause asphyxiation without warning.
- Contact may cause burns to skin and eyes.
- Fire or contact with water may produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive gases.
- Runoff from fire control may cause pollution.

- **CALL Emergency Response Telephone Number on Shipping Paper first. If Shipping Paper not available or no answer, refer to appropriate telephone number listed on the inside back cover.**
- Isolate spill or leak area immediately for at least 100 to 200 meters (330 to 660 feet) in all directions.
- Keep unauthorized personnel away.
- Stay upwind.
- Keep out of low areas.



# Approaching the Scene



- Upwind
- Uphill
- Upstream

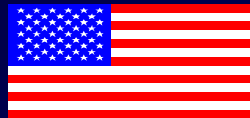
# What is the ERG?

- A Guidebook for First Responders during the initial phase of a Dangerous Goods / Hazardous Materials Incident
- Aid to first responders in managing and controlling hazardous materials releases
- The 2008 edition of the Emergency Response Guidebook is the most current edition available
- The text is published on a four year cycle (it was three years previous to Y2K)
- An incident can be managed using any edition of the ERG, as long as all responders are advised what edition the Incident Commander is using.
- Although primarily for transportation incidents, the ERG can be used for fixed facilities releases.
- Developed by:



**TC**

**Transport Canada**



**DOT**

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**



**SCT**

**Secretariat of Transport  
and Communications  
of Mexico**

# Vocabulary

- **Hazardous Materials Spills –**
  - **Small Spill:** generally equal to or less than 55 gallons, 200 pounds, or 200 cubic feet of a gas.
  - **Large spill:** generally greater than 55 gallons, 200 pounds, or 200 cubic feet of a gas.
- **For marine pollutants –**
  - A reportable spill is anything greater than 450 liters (119 gallons) or 400 kg (882 pounds)
- **P** -The letter “P” following a guide number in the yellow-bordered and blue-bordered pages identifies a material which may polymerize violently under high temperature conditions or contamination with other products. This polymerization will produce heat and high pressure buildup in containers which may explode or rupture. (See polymerization below.)
- **Polymerization** – a chemical reaction which is generally associated with the production of plastic substances. Basically, the individual molecules of the chemical (liquid or gas) react with each other to produce what can be described as a long chain. These chains can be formed in many useful applications.
- **Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) –** Term used to describe gases and volatile liquids that are toxic when inhaled. (Same as Poison Inhalation Hazard, or PIH)

# ERG White Pages

**RESIST RUSHING IN !**  
**APPROACH INCIDENT FROM UPWIND**  
**STAY CLEAR OF ALL SPILLS, VAPORS, FUMES AND SMOKE**

## **HOW TO USE THIS GUIDEBOOK DURING AN INCIDENT INVOLVING DANGEROUS GOODS**

**ONE** IDENTIFY THE MATERIAL BY FINDING ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
THE 4-DIGIT ID NUMBER ON A PLACARD OR ORANGE PANEL  
THE 4-DIGIT ID NUMBER (after UN/NA) ON A SHIPPING DOCUMENT OR PACKAGE  
THE NAME OF THE MATERIAL ON A SHIPPING DOCUMENT, PLACARD OR PACKAGE  
IF AN ID NUMBER OR THE NAME OF THE MATERIAL CANNOT BE FOUND, SKIP TO THE NOTES BELOW.

**TWO** LOOK UP THE MATERIAL'S 3-DIGIT GUIDE NUMBER IN EITHER:  
THE ID NUMBER INDEX..(the yellow-bordered pages of the guidebook)  
THE NAME OF MATERIAL INDEX..(the blue-bordered pages of the guidebook)  
If the guide number is supplemented with the letter "P", it indicates that the material may undergo violent polymerization if subjected to heat or contamination.  
If the index entry is highlighted (in either yellow or blue), it is a TIH (Toxic Inhalation Hazard) material or a Dangerous Water Reactive Material (produces toxic gas upon contact with water). **LOOK FOR THE ID NUMBER AND NAME OF THE MATERIAL IN THE TABLE OF INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES** (the green-bordered pages). Then, if necessary, **BEGIN PROTECTIVE ACTIONS IMMEDIATELY** (see Protective Actions on page 314). If protective action is not required, use the information jointly with the 3-digit guide.

**USE GUIDE 112 FOR ALL EXPLOSIVES EXCEPT FOR EXPLOSIVES 1.4 (EXPLOSIVES C) WHERE GUIDE 114 IS TO BE CONSULTED.**

**THREE** TURN TO THE NUMBERED GUIDE (the orange-bordered pages) AND READ CAREFULLY.  
**NOTES** IF A NUMBERED GUIDE CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE STEPS, AND A PLACARD CAN BE SEEN, LOCATE THE PLACARD IN THE TABLE OF PLACARDS (pages 16-17), THEN GO TO THE 3-DIGIT GUIDE SHOWN NEXT TO THE SAMPLE PLACARD.

IF A REFERENCE TO A GUIDE CANNOT BE FOUND AND THIS INCIDENT IS BELIEVED TO INVOLVE DANGEROUS GOODS, TURN TO GUIDE 111 NOW, AND USE IT UNTIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. If the shipping document lists an emergency response telephone number, call that number. If the shipping document is not available, or no emergency response telephone number is listed, IMMEDIATELY CALL the appropriate **emergency response agency listed on the inside back cover of this guidebook**. Provide as much information as possible, such as the name of the carrier (trucking company or railroad) and vehicle number. AS A LAST RESORT, CONSULT THE TABLE OF RAIL CAR AND ROAD TRAILER IDENTIFICATION CHART (pages 18-19). IF THE CONTAINER CAN BE IDENTIFIED, REMEMBER THAT THE INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THESE CONTAINERS IS FOR THE WORST CASE POSSIBLE.

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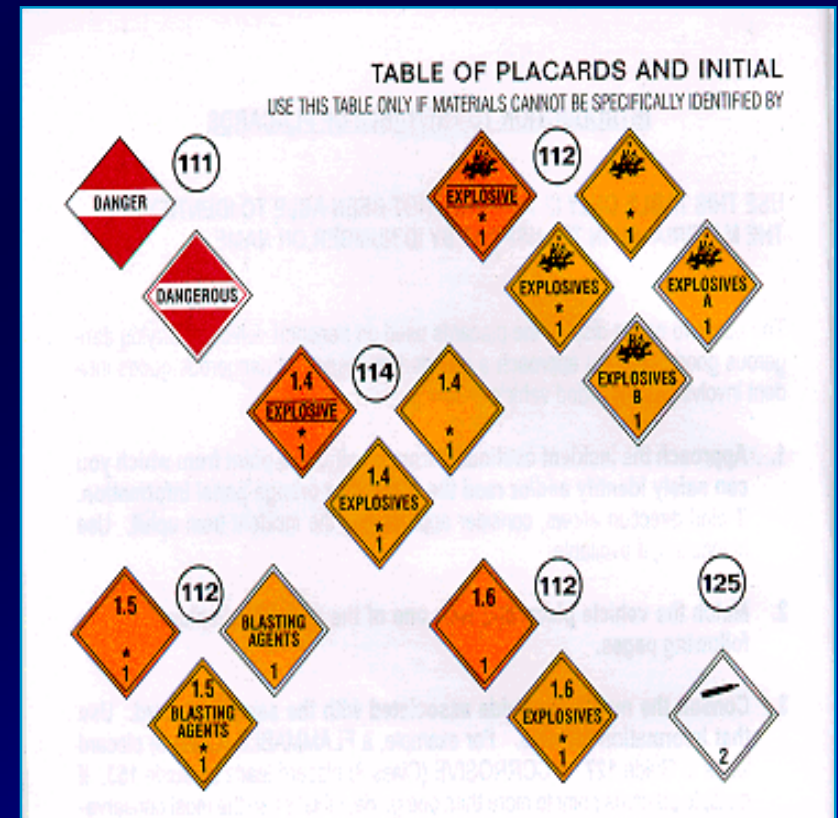
- Explanation in detail of how to use the Guidebook to manage a hazardous materials response.
- Overview information on the exact nature of the ERG, it's intended application and limitations
- Summary of ERG content
- Contact information for assistance

# Hazards and Placards

- **Page 14: Hazard Classification System**

- Class 1: Explosives
- Class 2: Gases
- Class 3: Flammable and Combustible Liquids
- Class 4: Flammable Solids
- Class 5: Oxidizers and Organic Peroxides
- Class 6: Toxic and Infectious Substances
- Class 7: Radioactive Materials
- Class 8: Corrosive Materials
- Class 9: Miscellaneous Hazards

- **Page 16-17**



# ID Codes on Intermodal Containers



- Page 20-23

- Top number: Hazard Identification Code
  - indicates type of hazard
  - single number will be followed by a zero (e.g. 50)
  - double number means greater risk
  - “X” means will react with water
- Bottom number
  - UN ID number



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# YELLOW Section

ID No.	Guide No.	Name of Material	ID No.	Guide No.	Name of Material
112	112	Ammonium nitrate-fuel oil mixtures	159	159	Methylbromacetone
158	158	Biological agents	135	135	p-Nitrosodiethylaniline
171	171	Blasting agent, n.o.s.	171	171	Plastic molding material
171	171	Cargo transport unit under fumigation	171P	171P	Polymerizable material, stabilized with dry ice
154	154	Chemical kits (containing corrosive substances)	153	153	Toxins
128	128	Chemical kits (containing flammable liquids)	133	133	Wool waste, wet
133	133	Chemical kits (containing flammable solids)	1001	116	Acetylene
140	140	Chemical kits (containing oxidizing substances)	1001	116	Acetylene, dissolved
153	153	Chemical kits (containing poisonous liquids)	1002	122	Air, compressed
154	154	Chemical kits (containing poisonous solids)	1003	122	Air, refrigerated liquid (cryogenic liquid)
153	153	Chemical kits (containing toxic liquids)	1003	122	Air, refrigerated liquid (cryogenic liquid), non-pressurized
154	154	Chemical kits (containing toxic solids)	1005	125	Ammonia, anhydrous
129	129	1-Chloroheptane	1005	125	Ammonia, anhydrous, liquefied
129	129	1-Chlorohexane	1005	125	Ammonia solution, with more than 50% ammonia
152	152	m-Dichlorobenzene	1005	125	Anhydrous ammonia
136	136	p-Diethylnitroaniline	1005	125	Anhydrous ammonia, liquefied
153	153	2-Ethyl-3-propylacrolein	1006	125	Boron trifluoride
112	112	Explosive A	1006	125	Boron trifluoride, compressed
112	112	Explosive B	1009	126	Bromotrifluoromethane
114	114	Explosive C	1009	126	Refrigerant gas R-13B1
112	112	Explosives, division 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5 or 1.6	1010	116P	Butadienes, inhibited
114	114	Explosives, division 1.4	1011	115	Butane
133	133	Fibres, animal or vegetable, burnt, wet or damp	1011	115	Butane mixture
133	133	Fibres, vegetable, dry	1012	115	Butylene
			1013	126	Carbon dioxide
			1013	126	Carbon dioxide, compressed
			1014	122	Carbon dioxide and Oxygen mixture

## Index of dangerous goods in Numerical order of the 4-digit ID number

*Example*

ID No.  
**1090**

Guide No.  
**127**

Name of Material  
**Acetone**

# BLUE Section

Name of Material	Guide ID No.	Name of Material	Guide ID No.
Substances, which in contact with water emit flammable gases, solid, n.o.s.	138 2813	Sulfur	133 1350
Substances, which in contact with water emit flammable gases, solid, oxidizing, n.o.s.	138 3133	Sulfur, molten	133 2446
Substances, which in contact with water emit flammable gases, solid, poisonous, n.o.s.	139 3134	Sulfur chlorides	137 1828
Substances, which in contact with water emit flammable gases, solid, self-heating, n.o.s.	139 3135	Sulfur dioxide	125 1079
Substances, which in contact with water emit flammable gases, solid, toxic, n.o.s.	131 2780	Sulfur dioxide, liquefied	125 1079
Substituted nitrophenol pesticide, liquid, flammable, poisonous	131 2780	Sulfur hexafluoride	125 1090
Substituted nitrophenol pesticide, liquid, flammable, toxic	153 3014	Sulfuric acid	137 1830
Substituted nitrophenol pesticide, liquid, poisonous, flammable	131 3013	Sulfuric acid, fuming, with less than 30% free Sulfur trioxide	137 1831
Substituted nitrophenol pesticide, liquid, toxic	153 3014	Sulfuric acid, fuming, with not less than 30% free Sulfur trioxide	137 1831
Substituted nitrophenol pesticide, liquid, toxic, flammable	131 3013	Sulfuric acid, spent	137 1832
Substituted nitrophenol pesticide, solid, poisonous	153 2779	Sulfuric acid, with more than 21% acid	137 1830
Substituted nitrophenol pesticide, solid, toxic	153 2779	Sulfuric acid, with not more than 21% acid	157 2796
Sulfamic acid	154 2987	Sulfuric acid and Hydrofluoric acid mixtures	157 1786
		Sulfur tetrafluoride	154 1833
		Sulfur trioxide	137 1829
		Sulfur trioxide, inhibited	137 1829
		Sulfur trioxide, stabilized	137 1829
		Sulfur trioxide, uninhibited	137 1829
		Sulfur trioxide and Chlorosulfonic acid mixture	137 1754
		Sulfuryl chloride	137 1834
		Sulfuryl fluoride	123 2191
		Sulphamic acid	154 2987
		Sulphur	133 1350
		Sulphur, molten	133 2446
		Sulphur chlorides	137 1828
		Sulphur dioxide	125 1079

## Index of dangerous goods in Alphabetical order of the Material Name

### Example

Name of Material

Guide No.

ID No.

Sulfuric Acid

137

1830

## BLUE Section

Name of Material	Guide No.	ID No.	Name of Material	Guide No.	ID No.
Accumulators, pressurized pneumatic or hydraulic	<b>126</b>	1956	Acetylene tetrabromide	<b>159</b>	2504
Acetal	<b>127</b>	1088	Acetyl iodide	<b>156</b>	1898
Acetaldehyde	<b>129</b>	1089	Acetyl methyl carbinol	<b>127</b>	2621
Acetadehyde ammonia	<b>171</b>	1841	Acetyl peroxide	<b>148</b>	2084
Acetaldehyde oxime	<b>129</b>	2332	Acid, liquid, n.o.s.	<b>154</b>	1760
Acetic acid, glacial	<b>132</b>	2789	Acid, sludge	<b>153</b>	1906
Acetic acid, solution, more than 10% but not more than 80% acid	<b>153</b>	2790	Acid butyl phosphate	<b>153</b>	1718
Acetic acid, solution, more than 80% acid	<b>132</b>	2789	Acridine	<b>153</b>	2713
			Acrolein, inhibited	<b>131P</b>	1092
			Acrolein dimer, stabilized	<b>129P</b>	2607

# ORANGE Section

62 individual guides in a two page format

Each guide is for a group of materials with similar chemical and toxicological characteristics

Left page: **SAFETY** information

Right page: **EMERGENCY RESPONSE** guidelines

*Example*

**Guide 124 – Gases, toxic and / or corrosive - oxidizing**

GUIDE 111	Mixed Load/Unidentified Cargo	ERG2000
POTENTIAL HAZARDS		
<b>FIRE OR EXPLOSION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>May explode from heat, shock, friction or contamination.</li><li>May react violently or explosively on contact with air, water or foam.</li><li>May be ignited by heat, sparks or flames.</li><li>Vapors may travel to source of ignition and flash back.</li><li>Containers may explode when heated.</li><li>Ruptured cylinders may rocket.</li></ul>		
<b>HEALTH</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inhalation, ingestion or contact with substance may cause severe injury, infection, disease or death.</li><li>High concentration of gas may cause asphyxiation without warning.</li><li>Contact may cause burns to skin and eyes.</li><li>Fire or contact with water may produce irritating, toxic and/or corrosive gases.</li><li>Runoff from fire control may cause pollution.</li></ul>		
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CALL Emergency Response Telephone Number on Shipping Paper first. If Shipping Paper not available or no answer, refer to appropriate telephone number listed on the inside back cover.</li><li>Isolate spill or leak area immediately for at least 100 to 200 meters (330 to 660 feet) in all directions.</li><li>Keep unauthorized personnel away.</li><li>Stay upwind.</li><li>Keep out of low areas.</li></ul>		
<b>PROTECTIVE CLOTHING</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wear positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).</li><li>Structural firefighters' protective clothing provides limited protection in fire situations ONLY; it may not be effective in spill situations.</li></ul>		
<b>EVACUATION</b>		
<b>Fire</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If tank, rail car or tank truck is involved in a fire, ISOLATE for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions; also, consider initial evacuation for 800 meters (1/2 mile) in all directions.</li></ul>		

# GREEN Section

## Index of TIH materials (Toxic Inhalation Hazards)

Provides distances for  
**initial isolation** and **protective action**  
For **small** and **large** spills,  
**day** or **night**

TABLE OF INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES									
ID No.	NAME OF MATERIAL	SMALL SPILLS				LARGE SPILLS			
		If from a small package or small tank from a large package		If from a large package or from more than one small package		If from a small package or small tank from a large package		If from a large package or from more than one small package	
		First ISOLATE in all Directions	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during DAY	NIGHT		First ISOLATE in all Directions	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during DAY	NIGHT	
		Meters (Feet)	Kilometers (Miles)	Kilometers (Miles)		Meters (Feet)	Kilometers (Miles)	Kilometers (Miles)	
1005	Ammonia anhydrous	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)		60 m (200 ft)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)	
1005	Ammonia anhydrous, liquefied								
1005	Ammonia solution, with more than 50% ammonia								
1005	Anhydrous ammonia								
1005	Anhydrous ammonia, liquefied								
1008	Boron trifluoride	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)		215 m (700 ft)	1.6 km (1.0 mi)	5.1 km (3.2 mi)	
1008	Boron trifluoride, compressed								
1016	Carbon monoxide	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)		125 m (400 ft)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)	1.8 km (1.1 mi)	
1016	Carbon monoxide, compressed								
1017	Chlorine	30 m (100 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)		275 m (900 ft)	2.7 km (1.7 mi)	6.8 km (4.2 mi)	
1023	Coal gas	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)		60 m (200 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	
1023	Coal gas, compressed								
1029	Cyanogen	30 m (100 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)		305 m (1000 ft)	3.1 km (1.9 mi)	7.7 km (4.8 mi)	
1029	Cyanogen, liquefied								
1029	Cyanogen gas								
1040	Ethylene oxide	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)		60 m (200 ft)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	1.6 km (1.1 mi)	
1040	Ethylene oxide with Nitrogen								
1045	Fluorine	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)		185 m (600 ft)	1.4 km (0.9 mi)	4.0 km (2.5 mi)	
1045	Fluorine, compressed								
1048	Hydrogen bromide, anhydrous	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)		125 m (400 ft)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)	3.4 km (2.1 mi)	
1050	Hydrogen chloride, anhydrous	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)		195 m (600 ft)	1.6 km (1.0 mi)	4.3 km (2.7 mi)	
1051	AC (when used as a weapon)	60 m (200 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)		400 m (1500 ft)	1.6 km (1.0 mi)	3.9 km (2.4 mi)	

# What is a “TIH” Material?

- Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH)
  - Has  $LC_{50} < 5,000$  PPM, *or*
  - Adequate data does not exist
- TIH zones
  - A to D
  - **A** is most toxic --  $LC_{50} < 200$  PPM
  - **D** is least toxic

# GREEN Section

		SMALL SPILLS (From a small package or small leak from large package)			LARGE SPILLS (From a large package or from many small packages)		
ID No.	NAME OF Material	First ISOLATE in all Directions Meters (Feet)	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during-		First ISOLATE in all Directions Meters (Feet)	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during-	
			DAY Kilometers (Miles)	NIGHT Kilometers (Miles)		DAY Kilometers (Miles)	NIGHT Kilometers (Miles)
1005 1005	Ammonia, anhydrous Ammonia, anhydrous, liquefied	30 m (100ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)
1005	Ammonia solution, with more than 50% Ammonia	30 m (100ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)
1008 1008	Boron trifluoride Boron trifluoride, compressed	30 m (200 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)	215 m (700 ft)	1.6 km (1 mi)	5.1 km (3.2 mi)
1016 1016	Carbon monoxide Carbon monoxide, compressed	30 m (100ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	125 m (400 ft)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)	1.8 km (1.1 mi)
1017	Chlorine	30 m (100 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)	275 m (900 ft)	2.7 km (1.7 mi)	6.8 km (4.2 mi)

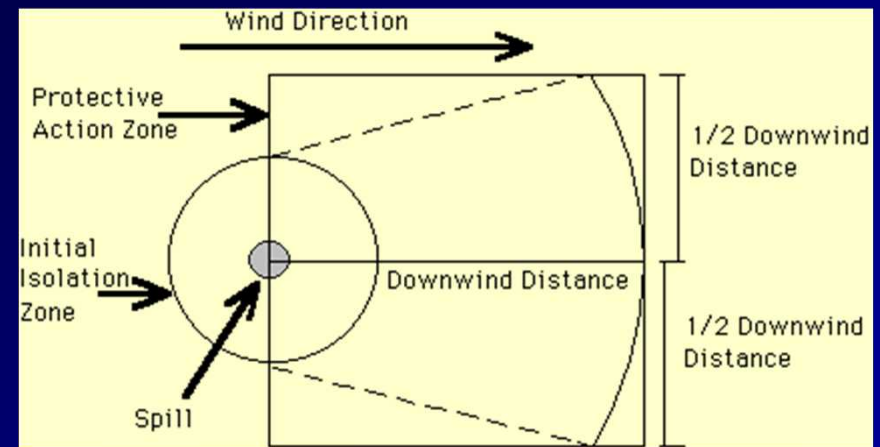
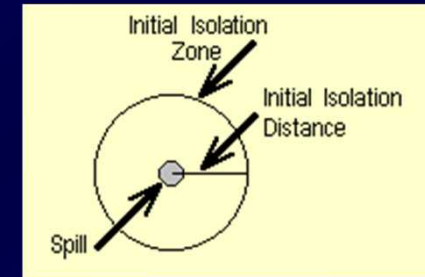
# DOWNWIND HAZARD PREDICTIONS (cont.)

## Step 3:

**Draw circle with radius of isolation distance**

**Mark the wind direction**

**Draw a box the size of protection distance, place upwind edge over center of circle towards downwind direction**



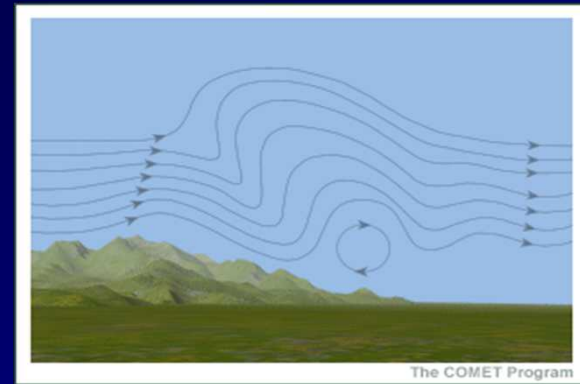
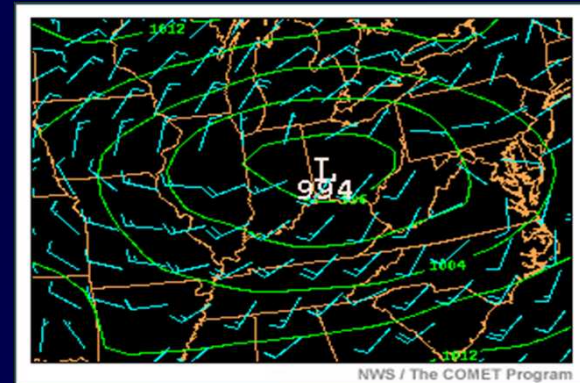
# DOWNWIND PREDICTION FACTORS

- **Factors**

- Weather
- Agent
- Environment
- Dissemination influences

- **Problems**

- Unknown micro weather
- Uncertain of the quantity/purity
- Building/terrain effect not modeled well
- Unknown dissemination parameters



# How to use the ERG



- Locate placard or shipping papers
- Identify the material
  - 4-digit ID number
  - Name of material
- If unable to identify, go to **GUIDE 111**
  - Mixed Load
  - Unidentified Cargo
- Look for a “P” in the guide # **127 P**
  - Material may polymerize
  - Container may fail violently
  - Use extreme caution
- Look for highlighting
  - indicates TIH or water reactive
  - Go to **GREEN** section
  - **Take initial isolation and downwind protection steps IMMEDIATELY!**



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# DOWNWIND HAZARD PREDICTIONS

**Step 1: Identify the hazard**

**Step 2: Determine isolation and protection distances  
(green pages)**



# Using the Placard Table

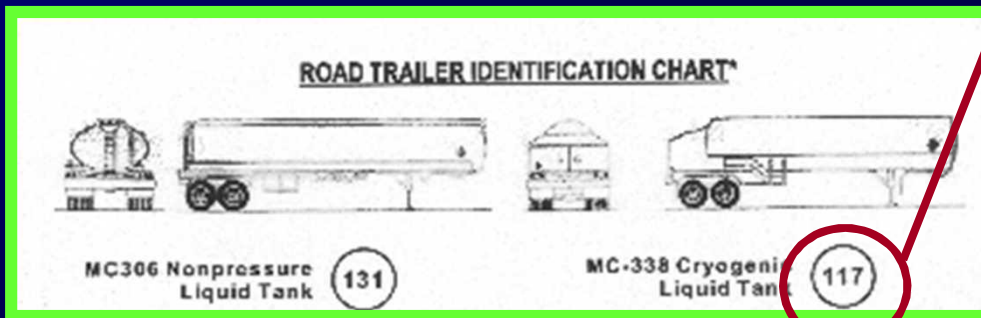
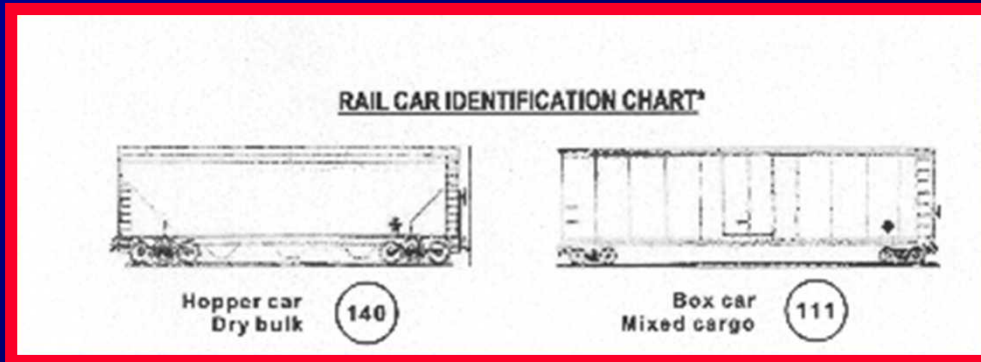


- Use only when the ID number or the name is not available
- Continue to seek more reliable information
- Use the **ORANGE** Guide for the specific material as soon as possible



# As a last resort for identification

- Locate the rail car and road trailer ID charts on page 18 or 19
- Turn to the appropriate **ORANGE** guide number
- Follow the directions listed in the guide



# Activity: Using the 2004 Emergency Response Guide



- Identify the:
  - Hazard
  - Hazard class
  - 3-digit ORANGE Guide Number
  - Other information



1380



**Pentaborane**  
**CAS RN: 19624-22-7**  
**Protective Distance**

IF THERE IS A FIRE, or IF A FIRE IS INVOLVED, go directly to the [ERG guide page](#) and use the evacuation information shown under PUBLIC SAFETY.

Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances							
ID No.	NAME OF MATERIAL	Small Spills (From a small package or small leak from a large package)			Large Spills (From a large package or many small packages)		
		First ISOLATE in all Directions	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during		First ISOLATE in all Directions	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during	
			Day	Night		Day	Night
1380	Pentaborane	90 m 300 ft	0.9 km 0.6 mi	3.3 km 2.1 mi	600 m 1800 ft	5.3 km 3.3 mi	11 km 6.9 mi



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# Thank You!

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# What's new in the ERG?

- **2004**

- 26 additional pages
- Instructions to call 911
- Criminal / terrorist biochem agents
- Additional placards
- Railcar and trailer identification charts
- Intermodal container hazard ID codes
- Updated isolation distances

- **2008**

- Pipeline information
- E85
- Amendments on shipping names and numbers

