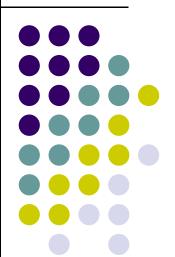
Hazardous Wastes

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Hazardous Wastes



- Scope of the Hazardous Waste Problem per year in U.S. (300-500 world-wide)
- Hazardous Wastes Generators: 20,000
- Treatment Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDF):
- 93% of hazardous wastes managed by:

60 TSDF's





- Number of Chemicals ⁷⁰,000
- New Chemicals Manufactured every year:
- Abandoned Hazardous Wastes

Sites: 50,000



Superfund

• In 1980 Congress passed the



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Response

Conjencation and

Liability

Act

CERCLA - Superfund







Superfund

- \$1.6b from taxes on culture out & commercial chemicals
- every state had to compile a list of hazardous waste sites and submit it to EPA
 - · National Priorities List (NPL)









• EPA prioritized these sites based on the potential hazard from g' white water (S_{GW}), surface water (S_{SW}), and a receive exposure (S_A):

$$S_M = \frac{1}{1.73} \sqrt{S_W^2 + S_W^2 + S_A^2}$$

where S_M is the composite score



Superfund



- There are 136 sites on the list
- Only 200 sites have been cleaned up
- There are 3 unique things about Superfund
- 1) · Ex post facto
 - party can be liable for actions that were previously left
 - · potentally responsible party
- 2). innocent land owner liability
 - anyone who buys p for the contaminated with hazardous wastes can be liable
 - only way to avoid liability is to make "a ρροφεία το μεταξούση στο purchase

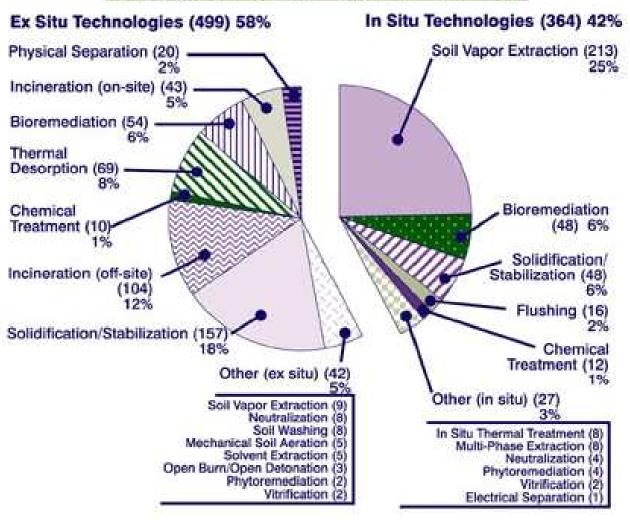




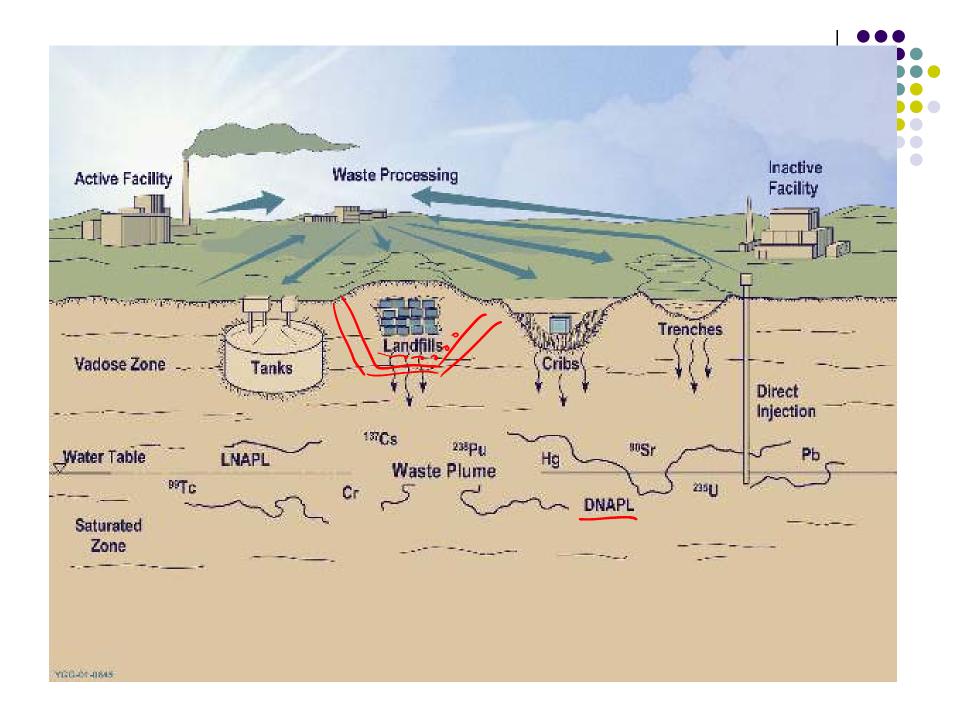
- · Joint & Several liability
 - liability can be shared between parties or any one party may be liable for entire cleanup
 - "deep pockets"
 - EPA only needs to s
 one party
 - that party must sue other parties to recoup c leanner

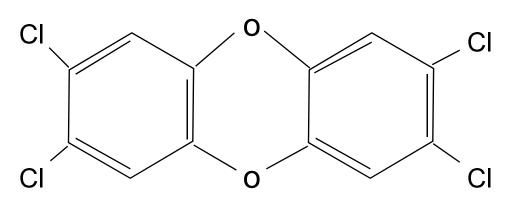


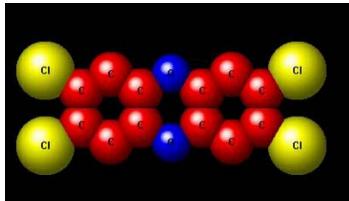
Figure 7: Superfund Remedial Actions: Source Control Treatment Projects (FY 1982 - 2002)*







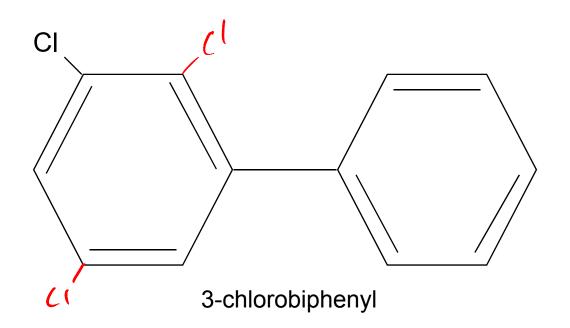




2,3,7,8 TCDD

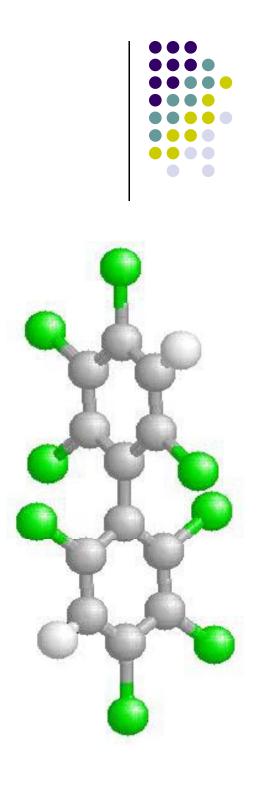
dioxin

- dibenzo ρ dioxin
- over twenty different i somers
- byproduct of herbicide/pesticide manufacture
- created during incineration of h a two wastes
- contaminant in 2,4-D, aqent offers
- o carcinogenic, teratogenic, mutagenic, embryo-toxic in animal studies
- bioaccumu late in fatty tissue
- no known link to human effects



polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)

- over 200 isomers
- different chlorine composition (Araclor 1248)
- virtually indestructive useful as transformer fluid (in every transformer: 1930 - 1970)
- toxic effects to e \(\frac{\sqrt{\sq}\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sq}}}}\sqrt{\sq}}}}}}\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{\sq}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}enderight\sqitititititititititititith}\sign{\sint{\sint{\sint{\sint{\sini\sin{\sint{\sin}}}}}}\eqiintiti
- environmental contamination realized in 1969
- 100 pounds produced prior to 1977
- led to Toxic Sustances Couted Act of 1976



What makes a waste hazardous?

- Potentially dangerous to human health or the environment
- Causes adverse physiological effects
- Official EPA definition
 - On <u>EPA list</u> (it must be discarded to be classified as a waste) or
 - Exhibits certain characteristics



RCRA wastes

wastes

wastes

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Listed Wastes (Appendix C)

- F Wastes
 - from non-specific sources
 - e.g. chlorinated solvents
 - Trichloroethylene
 - Methylene chloride
- K Wastes
 - from specific sources
 - e.g. wood preserving wastes (contain creosote and possibly arsenic)

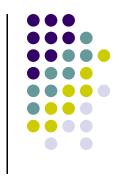


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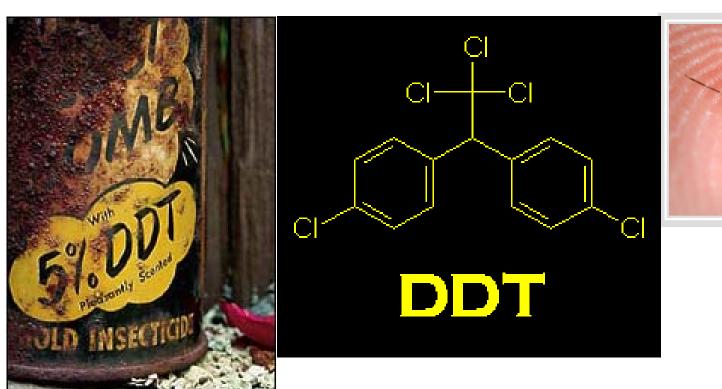
- P Wastes
 - off spec products and intermediates
 - acuteley toxic
 - e.g. toxaphene
- U Wastes
 - off spec products and intermediates
 - generally toxic
 - DDT



DDT



Organochlorine

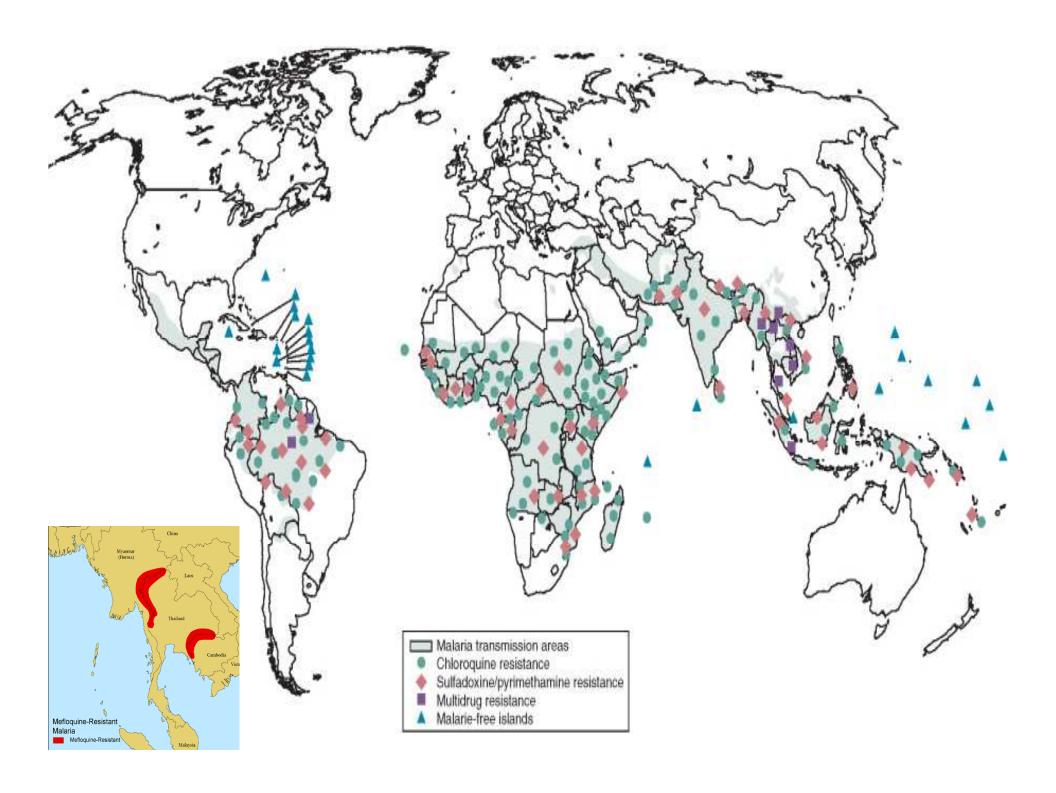




The Panama Canal (1905-1910)

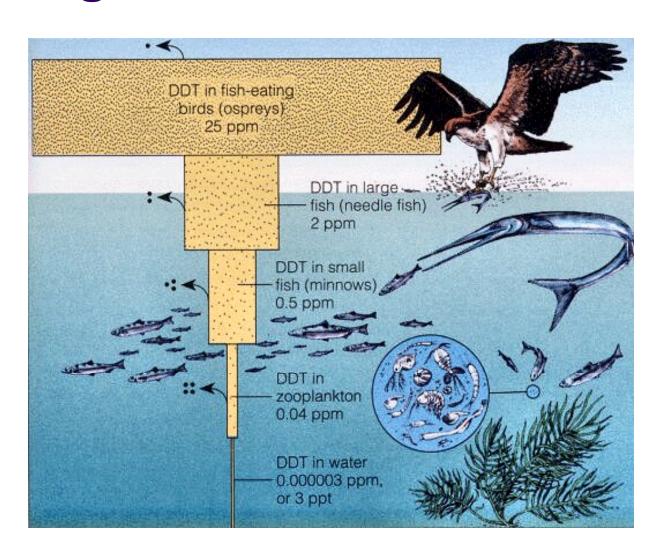
- The construction of the Panama Canal was possible only after yellow fever and malaria were controlled.
 - These diseases were a major cause of death and disease among workers.
- In 1906, there were over 26,000 employees working on the Canal.
 - 21,000 were hospitalized for malaria during their work.
 - By 1912, there were over 50,000 employees, and the number hospitalized decreased to 5,600.
 - They used an integrated program of insect and malaria control.





Biomagnification





Characteristic Wastes

- Ignitibility
 - Liquid with < 24% alcohol
 - Has a flash point < 60°C
 - Capable of spontaneous combustion
 - Ignitable compressed gas
 - oxidizer



Characteristic Wastes

- Corrosivity
 - Aqueous pH ←2 or ←12.5
 - Corrodes steel at a rate of 6.35 mm/y at 55°C



Characteristic Wastes

- Reactivity
 - Normally unstable
 - Reacts violently with water
 - Forms explosive mixtures with water
 - Generates toxic vapors
 - Cyanide or sulfur containing waste



Characteristic Wastes

- Toxicity (EP Toxicity test)
 - Liquid extract from acid extraction has to meet the required standard
 - e.g.:
 - 5.0 mg/L arsenic
 - \$\sum_0.5 mg/L benzene
 - \$\sum_0.20 mg/L vinyl chloride



EP Toxicity

		Regulatory
EPA HW No. ^a	Constituent	level (mg/L)
D004	Arsenic	5.0
D005	Barium	100.0
D018	Benzene	0.5
D006	Cadmium	1.0
D019	Carbon tetrachloride	0.5
D020	Chlordane	0.03
D021	Chlorobenzene	100.0
D022	Chloroform	6.0
D007	Chromium	5.0
D023	o-Cresol	200.0^{b}
D024	m-Cresol	200.0^{b}
D025	p-Cresol	200.0^{b}
D026	Cresol	200.0^{b}
D016	2,4-D	10.0
D027	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	7.5
D028	1,2-Dichloroethane	0.5
D029	1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.7
D030	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	0.13^{c}
D012	Endrin	0.02
D031	Heptachlor (and its epoxide)	0.008
D032	Hexachlorobenzene	0.13^{c}
D033	Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene	0.5
D034	Hexachloroethane	3.0
D008	Lead	5.0
D013	Lindane	0.4
D009	Mercury	0.2
D014	Methoxychlor	10.0
D035	Methyl ethyl ketone	200.0
D036	Nitrobenzene	2.0
D037	Pentachlorophenol	100.0
D038	Pyridine	5.0^{c}
D010	Selenium	1.0
D011	Silver	5.0
D039	Tetrachloroethylene	0.7
D015	Toxaphene	0.5
D040	Trichloroethylene	0.5
D041	2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	400.0
D042	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	2.0
D017	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	1.0
D043	Vinyl chloride	0.2

Cradle to Grave

- RCRA requires a manifest system to track hazardous wastes from its source of generation to ultimate disposal
- Generator required to maintain records and assume responsibility for the waste along the way



EPA Form 8700 22 (Rev. 4 85) Previous edition is obsolete.

20. Facility Owner or Operator: Certification of receipt of hazardous materials covered by this manifest except as noted in Item 19.

Signature

19. Discrepancy Indication Space

Printed/Typed Name





