

# WELCOME TO BASIC HAZARD CATEGORIZATION



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## **Introductions**

**Emergency Response &  
Removal Program**

# Basic Hazard Categorization

## Case Studies

Why you should know this stuff.....

- You da man!
- You da only man!
- Contractors, you can't live without 'em!



# 2pm on a Friday afternoon







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# Quick categorization





# EPA may be the last or best option



# Utilized the HazMat ID





# Traditional Drum Sites



# Monitoring contractor activities







# Hazard Categorization Uses

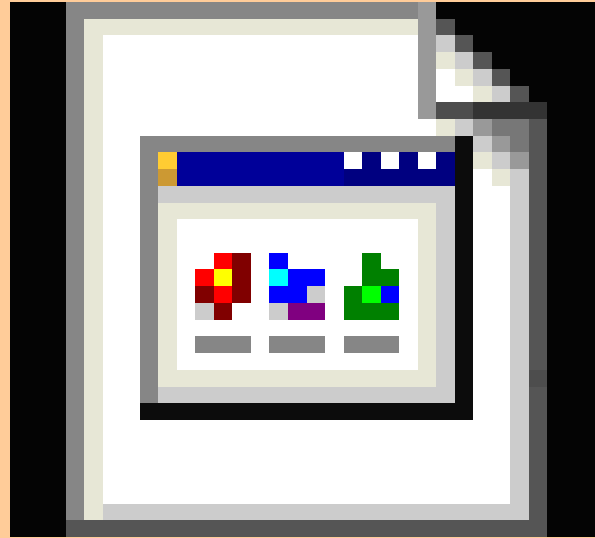
- **Identify containers with like contents**
- **Segregate based on hazard**
- **Sample based on screening results**



# Field Screening



# DOT Hazard Classes Explained



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# OBJECTIVES

- Become familiar with the major chemical families
- Understand why field screening is used
- Become familiar with the field screening tests
- Use field screening results to determine general hazards or identity of a material



# **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT'S CLUES:**

**Occupancy, Location, Container  
Size & Shape, Placards, Labels &  
Markings, and Senses(careful)**



# Application Notes

- Hazcat™

Need to ID chemical

Pure material (not real  
good for wastes)

Must know tests very  
well

Others?

- Field Screening

General “physical”  
hazards

Works well for wastes

Further Testing

Others?

# DRAFT Hazard Evaluation Flow Chart for Unknowns

**Early Considerations!!**  
 Evaluate scene & situation, Cordon off area, Isolate, Evacuate, Disable HVAC, Seal doors and cracks, Delineate hotzone (wind direction and intensity), Turn on radiation meter while preparing entry, Approach uphill/upwind/upstream, Follow H&S plan, Sampling plan, & Decontamination procedures for personnel/sample containers/equipment, consult with Incident Commander and law enforcement (if on-scene)

Calibrate instruments/Take background readings

Team dons Level A or B PPE (consult with H&S Manager)

<b>Air</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Entry:</b> CGI/O <sub>2</sub> , Radiation Meter, PID/FID, pH, APD 2000/AP2C, Camera, Video camera <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Entry:</b> Drager Tubes, SAM 935, Exploranium, Particulate Monitor (RAM), Oxidizer test <b>Additional Monitoring:</b> Portable GCMS, PCR, FTIR	<b>Liquid/Solid</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Entry:</b> CGI/O <sub>2</sub> , Radiation Meter, PID/FID, pH, Oxidizer test, APD2000/ AP2C, M8/M9, Camera, Video camera <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Entry:</b> Biological Test Kits, Solubility, M256, Drager Tubes, SAM 935, Exploranium, Pancake Probe ( $\alpha$ and $\beta$ ) <b>Additional Monitoring:</b> Portable GCMS, PCR, FTIR
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\* intrinsically safe

**Combustible Atmosphere and Oxygen**  
 O<sub>2</sub> Normally 20.8%

**STOP!**  
Exit hotzone

CGI > 10% LEL  
 O<sub>2</sub> < 19.5% or O<sub>2</sub> > 23.5%

**Radiological**  
 Radiation Background  
 Normally 5-15  $\mu$ R/hr

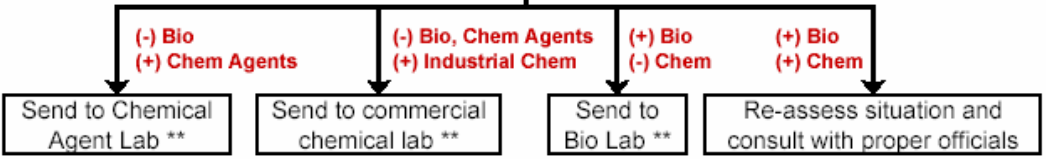
**STOP!**  
Exit Hot Zone  
Consult with Health Physicist

> 10,000  $\mu$ R/hr

**Biological**  
 (+) or (-)

**Chemical**  
 - Chemical Agents  
 - Industrial Chemical Field Tests

If (+) and not in level A, exit and don level A



\*\* Send to lab if Radiation < 3x background. If above, consult with lab prior to shipping.

# Chemicals of Concern by Incidents:

- Combustible liquids  
20,492
- Adhesive, Resin, Tar:  
13,335
- Waste Water : 11, 315
- Paint & Related: 10,660
- Sulfuric Acid: 7,505
- Anh. Ammonia: 7, 350
- Antifreeze: 6,436
- PCB: 6,221
- Hydrochloric Acid: 5,952
- Sodium Hydroxide: 5,233
- Chlorine: 3,800
- Sulfur Dioxide: 3,652
- Gas (NOS): 3,566
- Resin Solution: 3, 056
- Manufactured Gas: 3,428
- Petroleum Dist: 2,957



# The Periodic Table

metals

non-metals

noble gases

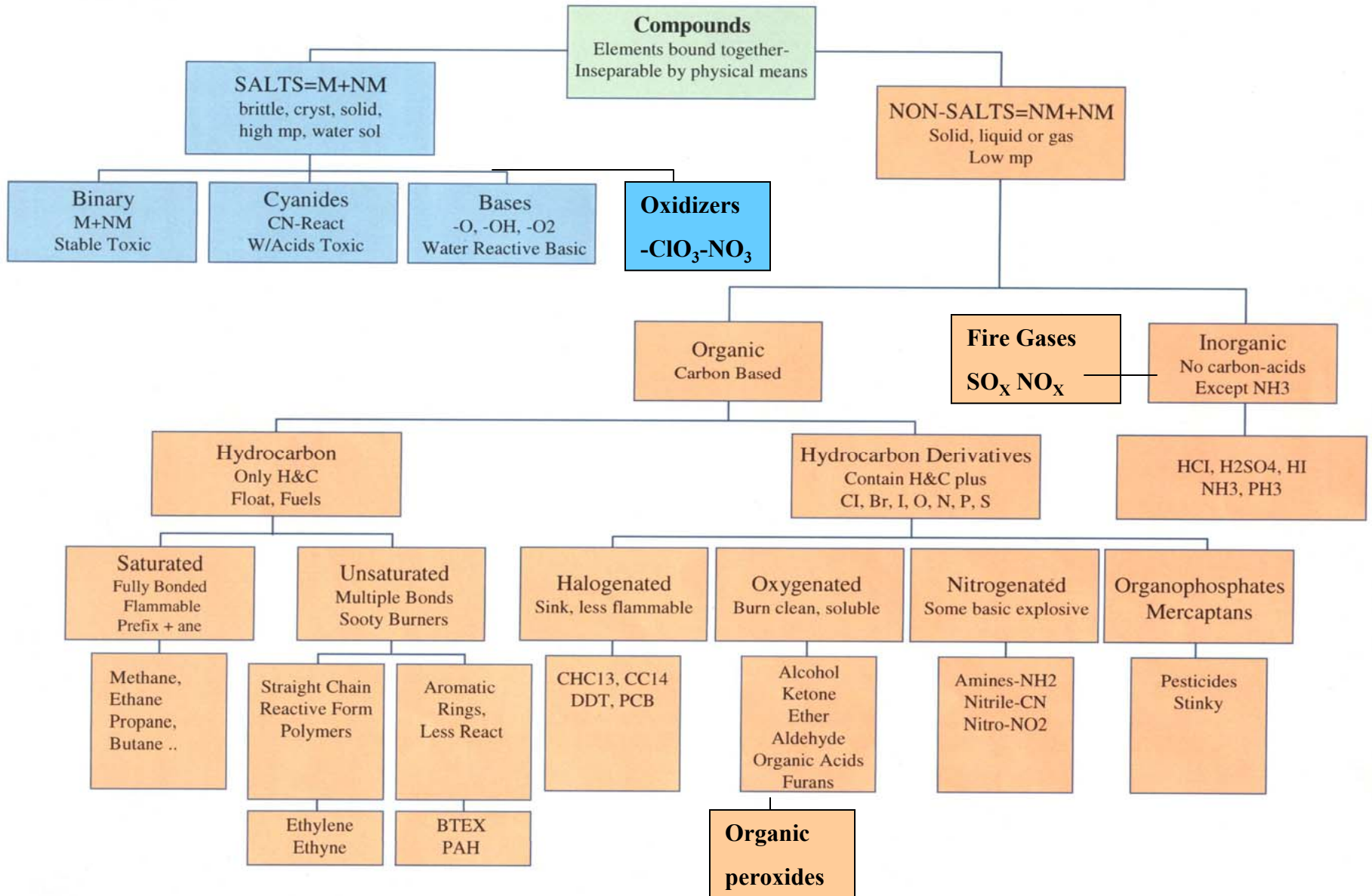


1 <b>H</b> 1.008																	1 <b>H</b> 1.007	2 <b>He</b> 4.0026					
3 <b>Li</b> 6.941	4 <b>Be</b> 9.012																	5 <b>B</b> 10.811	6 <b>C</b> 12.0107	7 <b>N</b> 14.00	8 <b>O</b> 15.9994	9 <b>F</b> 18.9984	10 <b>Ne</b> 20.1797
11 <b>Na</b> 22.9897	12 <b>Mg</b> 24.3050																	13 <b>Al</b> 26.9815	14 <b>Si</b> 28.0855	15 <b>P</b> 30.9737	16 <b>S</b> 32.066	17 <b>Cl</b> 35.4527	18 <b>Ar</b> 39.948
19 <b>K</b> 39.0983	20 <b>Ca</b> 40.078	21 <b>Sc</b> 44.9559	22 <b>Ti</b> 47.867	23 <b>V</b> 50.9415	24 <b>Cr</b> 51.9961	25 <b>Mn</b> 54.938	26 <b>Fe</b> 55.845	27 <b>Co</b> 58.9332	28 <b>Ni</b> 58.6934	29 <b>Cu</b> 63.546	30 <b>Zn</b> 65.39	31 <b>Ga</b> 69.723	32 <b>Ge</b> 72.61	33 <b>As</b> 74.921	34 <b>Se</b> 78.96	35 <b>Br</b> 79.904	36 <b>Kr</b> 83.80						
37 <b>Rb</b> 85.4678	38 <b>Sr</b> 87.62	39 <b>Y</b> 88.9058	40 <b>Zr</b> 91.224	41 <b>Nb</b> 92.906	42 <b>Mo</b> 95.94	43 <b>Tc</b> (98)	44 <b>Ru</b> 101.07	45 <b>Rh</b> 102.905	46 <b>Pd</b> 106.42	47 <b>Ag</b> 107.868	48 <b>Cd</b> 112.411	49 <b>In</b> 114.818	50 <b>Sn</b> 118.710	51 <b>Sb</b> 121.760	52 <b>Te</b> 127.60	53 <b>I</b> 126.904	54 <b>Xe</b> 131.29						
55 <b>Cs</b> 132.905	56 <b>Ba</b> 137.327	57 <b>La</b> 138.90	72 <b>Hf</b> 178.49	73 <b>Ta</b> 180.947	74 <b>W</b> 183.84	75 <b>Re</b> 186.207	76 <b>Os</b> 190.23	77 <b>Ir</b> 192.217	78 <b>Pt</b> 195.078	79 <b>Au</b> 196.966	80 <b>Hg</b> 200.59	81 <b>Tl</b> 204.383	82 <b>Pb</b> 207.2	83 <b>Bi</b> 208.980	84 <b>Po</b> (209)	85 <b>At</b> (210)	86 <b>Rn</b> (222)						
87 <b>Fr</b> (223)	88 <b>Ra</b> (226)	89 <b>Ac</b> (227)	104 <b>Rf</b> (261)	105 <b>Db</b> (262)	106 <b>Sg</b> (263)	107 <b>Bh</b> (262)	108 <b>Hs</b> (265)	109 <b>Mt</b> (266)															



58 <b>Ce</b> 140.116	59 <b>Pr</b> 140.90765	60 <b>Nd</b> 144.24	61 <b>Pm</b> (145)	62 <b>Sm</b> 150.36	63 <b>Eu</b> 151.964	64 <b>Gd</b> 157.25	65 <b>Tb</b> 158.92534	66 <b>Dy</b> 162.50	67 <b>Ho</b> 164.93032	68 <b>Er</b> 167.26	69 <b>Tm</b> 168.93421	70 <b>Yb</b> 173.04	71 <b>Lu</b> 174.967
90 <b>Th</b> 232.0381	91 <b>Pa</b> 231.03588	92 <b>U</b> 238.0289	93 <b>Np</b> (237)	94 <b>Pu</b> (244)	95 <b>Am</b> (243)	96 <b>Cm</b> (247)	97 <b>Bk</b> (247)	98 <b>Cf</b> (251)	99 <b>Es</b> (252)	100 <b>Fm</b> (257)	101 <b>Md</b> (258)	102 <b>No</b> (259)	103 <b>Lr</b> (262)

# Figure 2: Chart of Major Chemical Families



# FIELD SCREENING TESTS

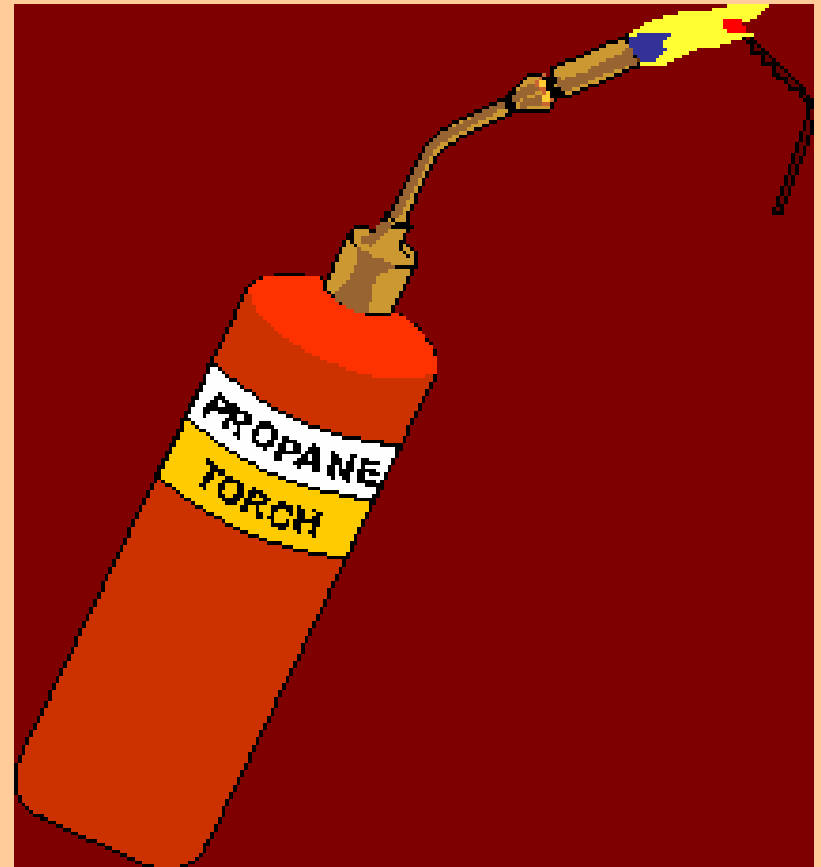
- EXPLOSIVE?
- CORROSIVE?
- WATER SOLUBLE?
- WATER REACTIVE?
- CYANIDE?
- OXIDIZER?
- HALIDE?
- OTHER TESTS
- DESCRIPTION
- SULFIDE?
- FLAMMABILITY?





# EXPLOSIVES

- High rate of burning
- Use hairpin test
- If positive for explosives STOP!!



# What are explosives/explosions?

**Explosive:** chemical that can produce the extremely rapid release of gas and/or heat.

**Explosion:** sudden, violent release of mechanical, chemical, or nuclear energy



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## Four Basic Types:

- Pressure Relief
- Rapid Oxidation
- Runaway Polymerization
- Molecule Decomposition

# DOT Classes



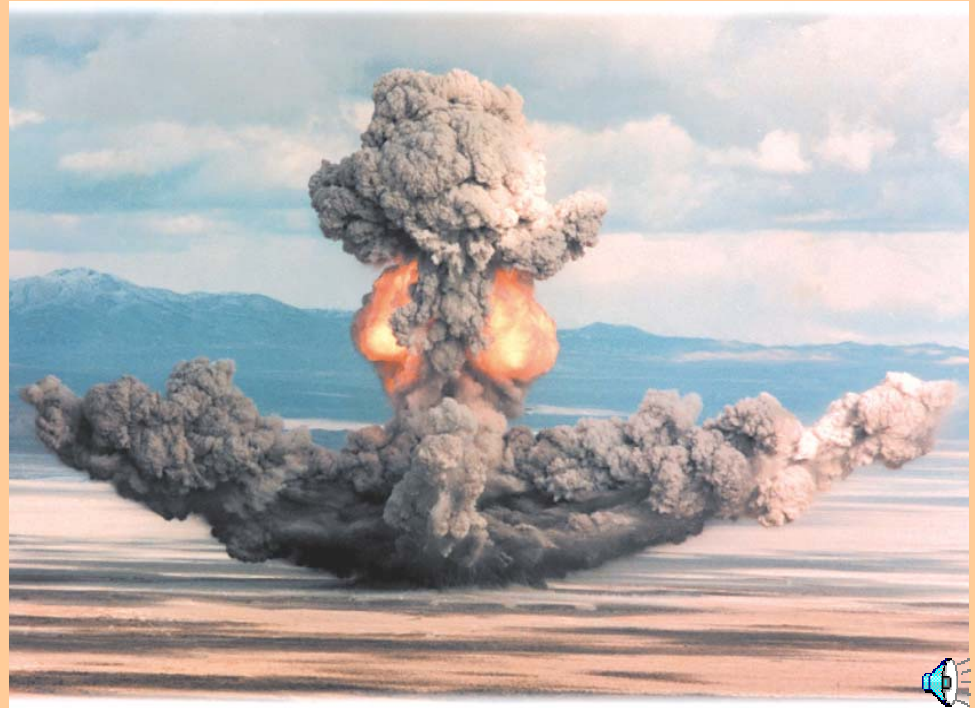


# **CLASS 1: EXPLOSIVES**

- 1.1 Explosives with mass explosion hazard
- 1.2 Explosives with a projection hazard
- 1.3 Explosives with predominantly a fire hazard
- 1.4 Explosives with no significant blast hazard
- 1.5 Very insensitive explosives; blasting agents
- 1.6 Extremely insensitive detonating articles

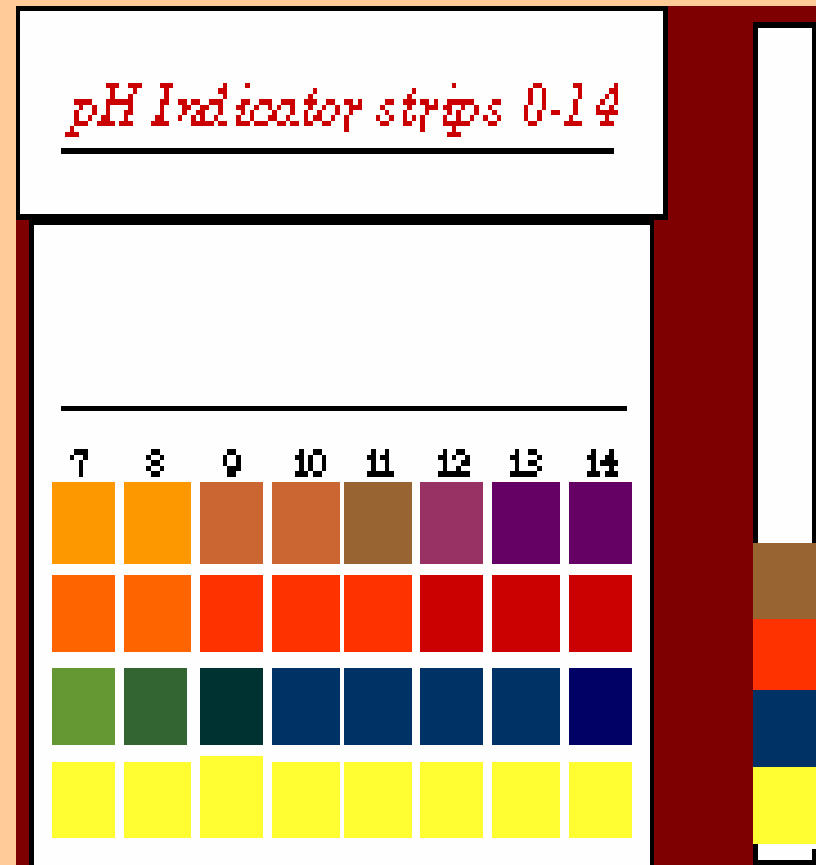
# Explosive?

- Consult ERG
- Hair pin test
- Other references
- Orange DOT label
- Nitro- compounds
- Explosives kits



# CORROSIVE

- pH paper
- 0-6 Acid
- 7 Neutral
- 8-14 Base
  
- Bleach?
- High concentrations?



# pH of Common Items

	<b>14.0</b>	<b>Strong Bases: NaOH, KOH, Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub></b>
	<b>12.5</b>	<b>RCRA haz. waste</b>
<b>BASIC</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>Household ammonia</b>
	<b>10.0</b>	<b>Detergents and Baking Soda</b>
<hr/>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>Seawater</b>
<hr/>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>Blood</b>
<b>NEUTRAL</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>Pure water</b>
<hr/>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rain</b>
	<b>4.0</b>	<b>Beer</b>
	<b>3.0</b>	<b>Orange juice, vinegar, wine, acid rain</b>
<b>ACIDIC</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>RCRA haz. waste/lemon juice, stomach acid</b>
	<b>1.0</b>	<b>Strong acids: HCl, HF, HI, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub></b>
	<b>0.0</b>	<b>Very acidic</b>

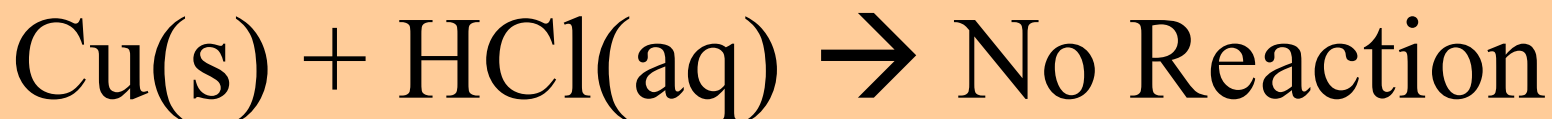
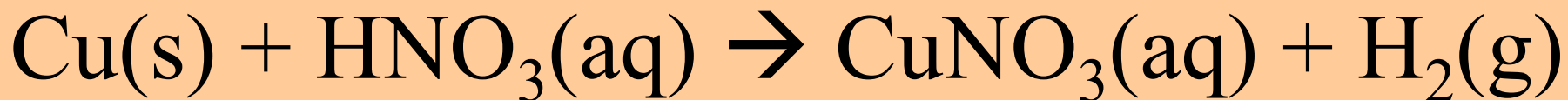


# CLASS 8: CORROSIVE MATERIALS

- Corrosive = a liquid or solid that causes full thickness destruction of human skin at the site of contact with in 14 days or
- exhibit a corrosion rate on steel or aluminum exceeding 1/4 inch per year



# Copper Metal and Acid



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# Recognition of Common Corrosives

## ACIDS

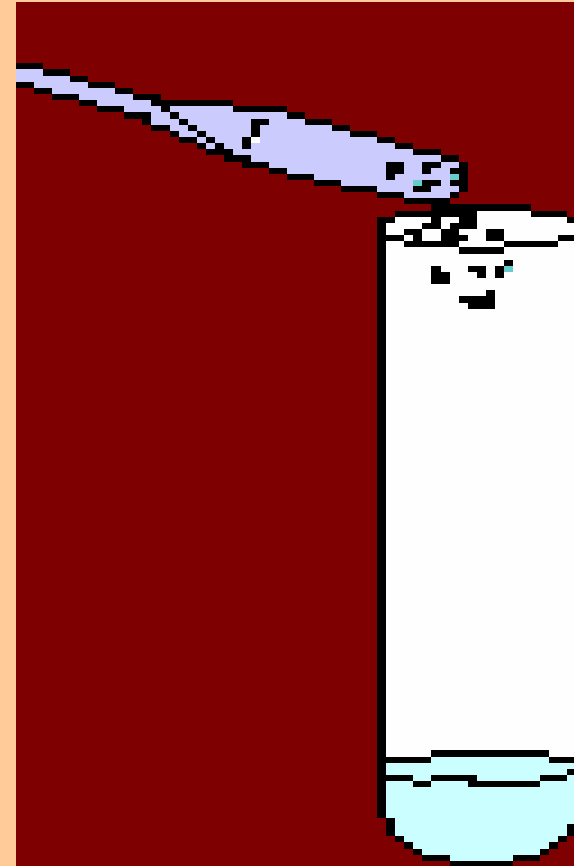
- Begin with Hydrogen “H”
- End in non-metal or nonmetal oxide
- Exceptions: Organic Acids (end in COOH), Phenol
- Examples: HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, HF, HNO<sub>3</sub>
- Usually liquids or a gas dissolved in water

## BASES

- Metal + Hydroxide (OH)
- Metal + Oxygen
- Active Metal (column 1-2 on periodic table)
- Exceptions: Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), Amines, Carbonates
- Examples: NaOH, K<sub>2</sub>O, Li, KOH, Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>
- Usually solids or solids dissolved in water

# WATER SOLUBILITY

- DISSOLVES (Y/N)
- FLOAT (hydrocarbons)
- SINK (halogenated hydrocarbons)
- EMULSIFY (coffee creamer)
- REACTIVE—
  - HEAT
  - BUBBLES (flammable, toxic?)





Potassium (K) + Water (H<sub>2</sub>O)

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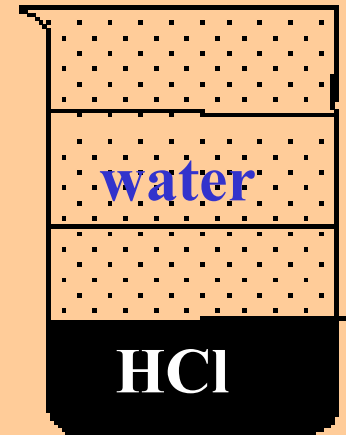
# REACTIVES

- Normally unstable-reacts violently
- Mixes with water to form toxic or flammable gases
- Capable of detonation at STP or if heated in confinement
- Contains cyanide or sulfide and generates toxic gases, vapors, or corrosive fumes



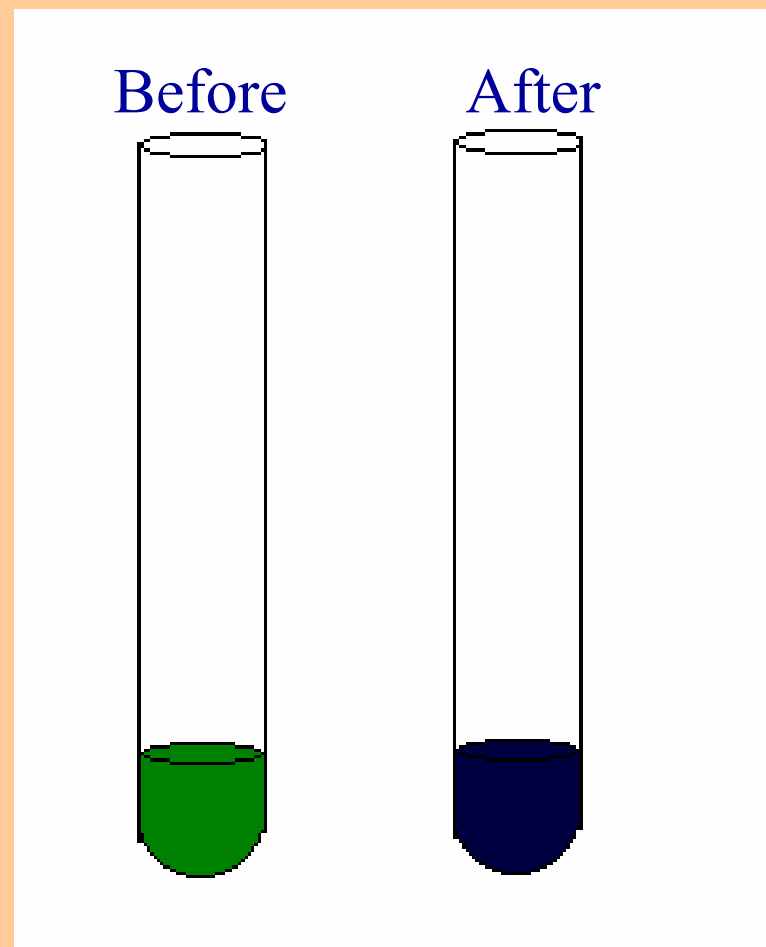
# Preparing Acid Test Solution

- Directly purchase 3N HCl solution
- Add 250ml of 12N HCl to 750ml of distilled water
- Dropper bottle preferable—watch contamination
- One of the more frequently used tests



# CYANIDE

- Only if pH is greater than 7
- Use cyanide test by adding solid cyanide test test 2 to a test tube with 1/4 inch cyanide test 1
- Add a pea size (or 1/4 inch) amount of the unknown
- Add 3-5 drops of Acid Test solution
- Deep Prussian blue indicates cyanide





# TOXICITY



- Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) identifies 39 chemicals to test for in wastes for their ability to leach out and contaminate ground water
- Acutely hazardous wastes: (1) Oral  $LD_{50}$  less than 50 mg/kg, (2) a dermal  $LD_{50}$  of less than 200 mg/kg, or (3) an inhalation  $LC_{50}$  of less than 2 mg/kg.

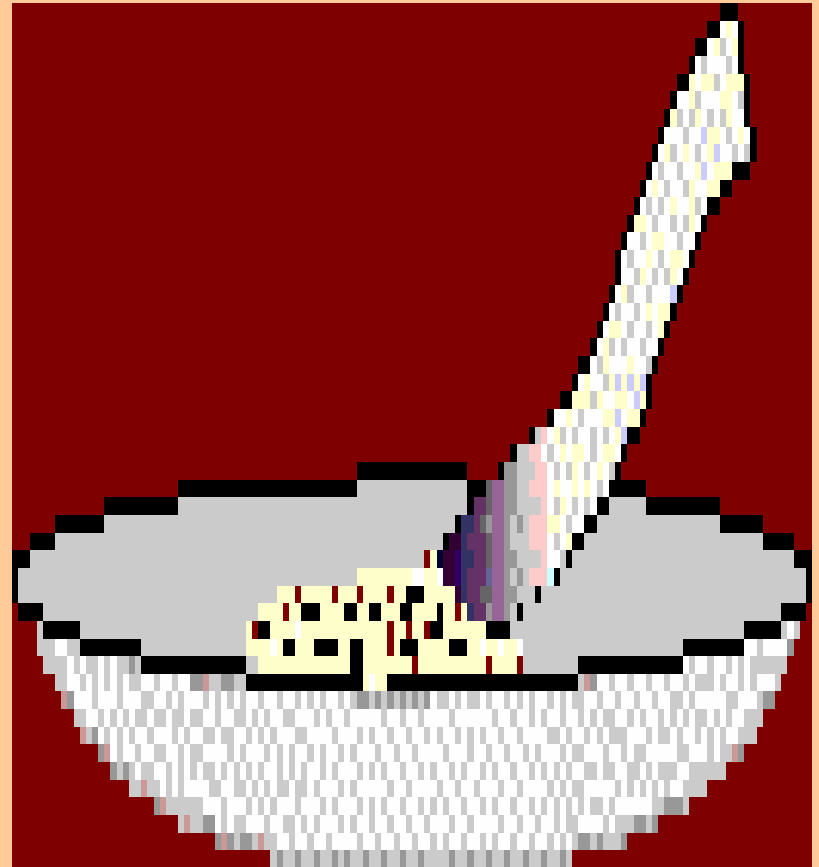


# Preparing Cyanide Tests

- Cyanide Test #2 –Use directly crystals of ferrous ammonium sulfate
- Cyanide Test #1– 20g ferrous ammonium citrate in 100ml of water
- Saturated Solution— takes a while to dissolve

# OXIDIZER TEST

- Use Potassium Iodide (KI) paper
- Acidify KI paper with 2-3 drops of acid test
- Hold paper over then touch unknown with paper
- Blue/black or purple color indicates an oxidizer



# CLASS 5: OXIDIZERS AND ORGANIC PEROXIDES

5.1 Oxidizers-a material that may, generally by yielding oxygen, cause or enhance the combustion of other materials

5.2 Organic peroxides-an organic compound containing the bivalent -O-O- structure

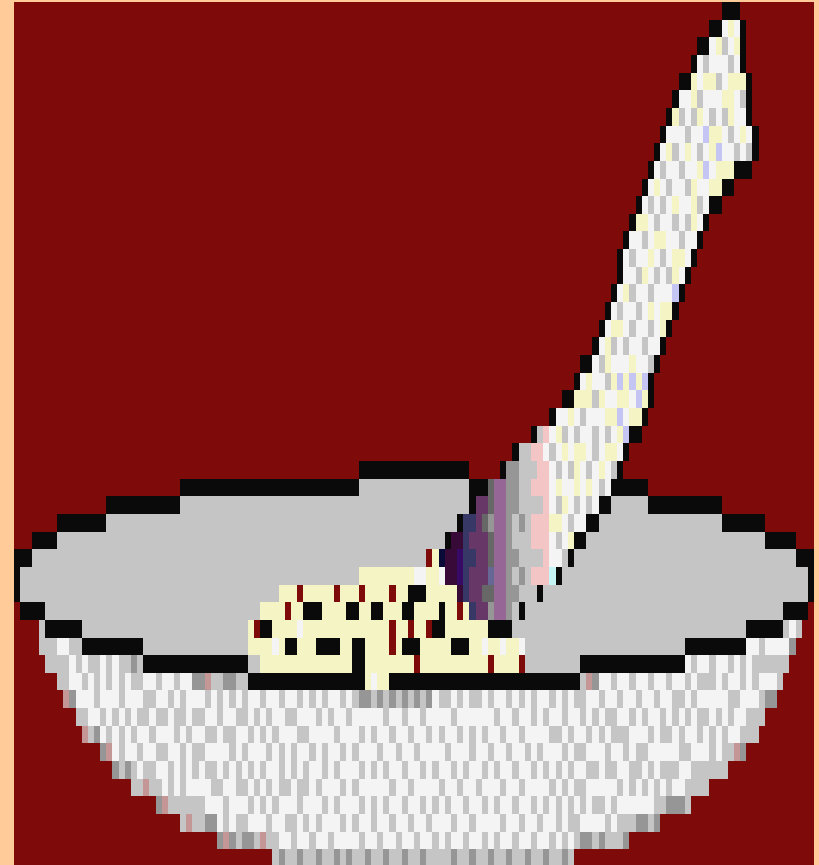




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# SULFIDE TEST

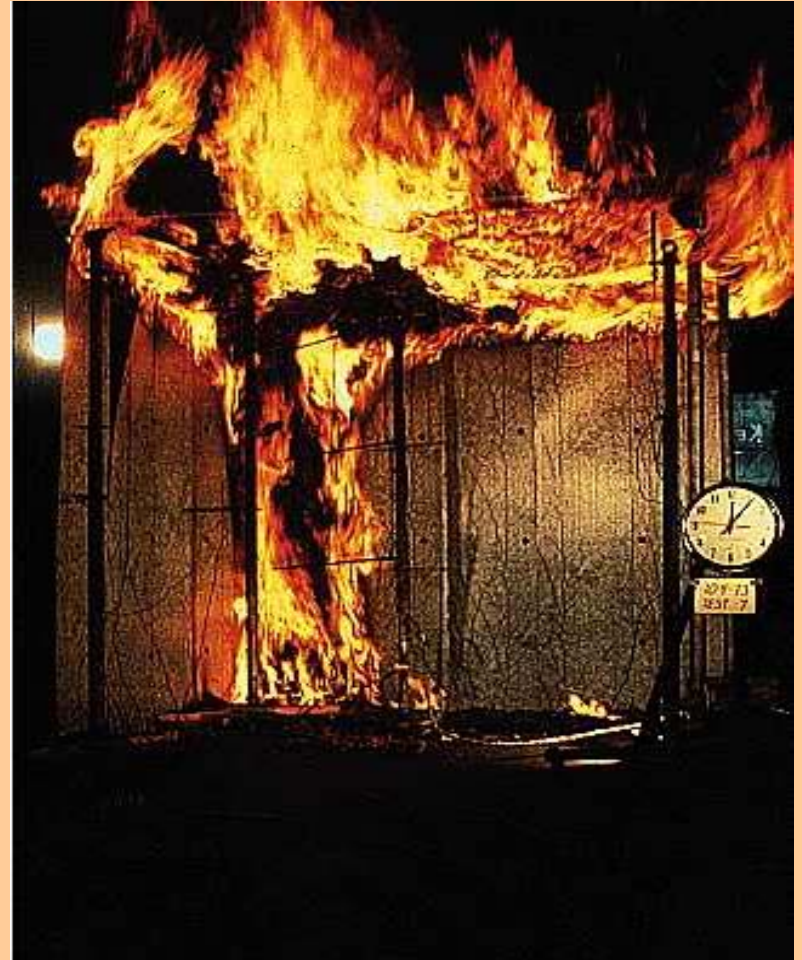
- Wet Sulfide Test Paper (Lead Acetate) with a few drops of water
- Touch paper to acidified unknown on watch dish
- Color change from white to brown indicates sulfide (lead may cause a black or silver color)





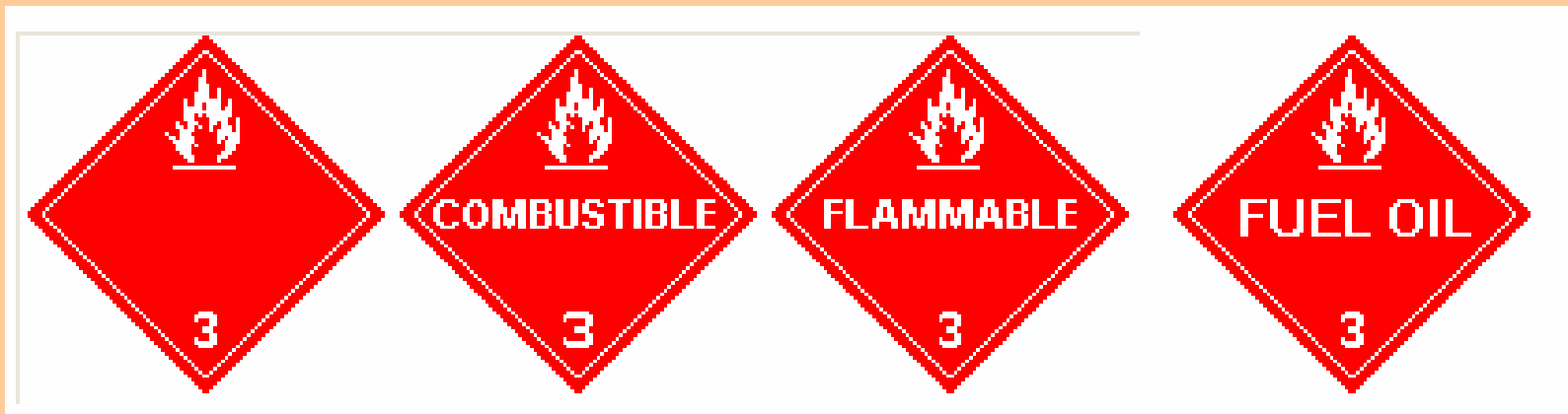
# FLAMMABILITY

- Place a pool the size of a 50 cent piece on watch dish
- Bring a lit match slowly towards the watch dish
- Ignites B4 the edge
- Ignites when touched
- Match acts as wick



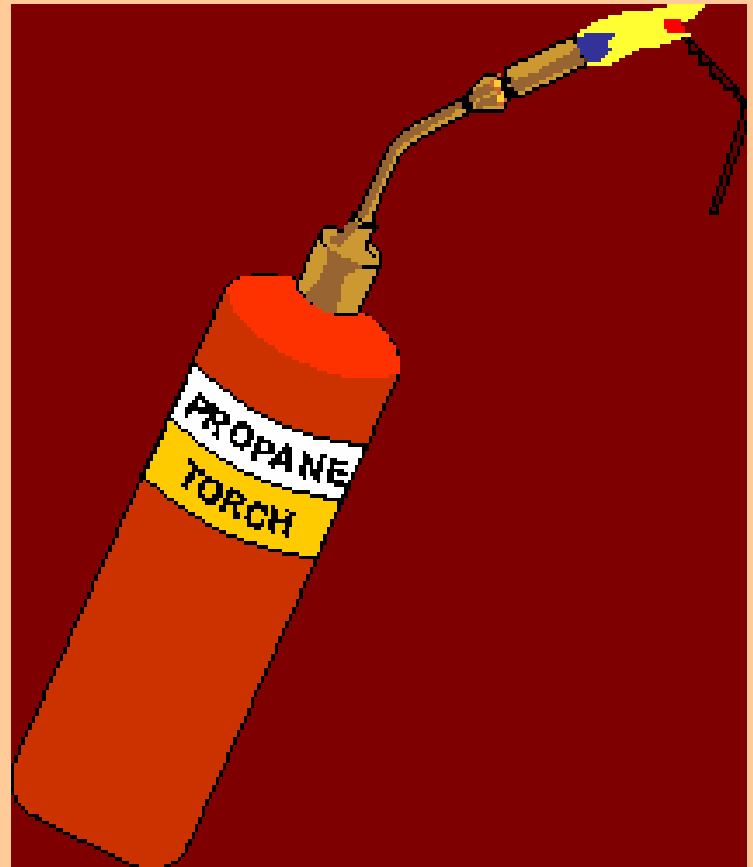
# CLASS 3: FLAMMABLE & COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS

- Flammable Liquid = flash point between 100°F and 141°F
- Combustible Liquid = flash point above 141°F and below 200°F



# HALIDE TEST

- Only if not water soluble
- Clean off copper wire in flame until only red/yellow flame
- cool wire
- place a few drops of sample on the coil and heat in flame
- **green** color = organo halide  
(~ 125-1000ppm MDL)



# Copper Wire Test

- Curve one end of an 8 inch piece of 10 gauge wire.
- Strip 6 inches of insulation off the other end of the 10 gauge wire
- Wrap the the bottom inch of the stripped end with 20 gauge wire

# OTHER TESTS



- CGI - Combustible Gas Indicator
- PID - Photoionization Detector
- FID - Flame Ionization Detector
- Colorimetric Indicator (Drager) Tubes
- Oxygen Sensor

# Colorimetric Indicator Tubes



- Measures: Compounds or Family of Compounds
- Units: PPM or % for Quantitative Measurements
- Range: Varies; Example: 1 Compound - 5 Different Tubes With Different Ranges



# Photoionization Detector



- Measures: Organic and Inorganic Air Contaminants (Must have an Ionization Potential Below the Measuring Probe)
- Units: Indicates in PPM
- Range: .5 to 2000 ppm
- Probes: Hnu: 9.6eV, 10.2eV, and 11.7eV

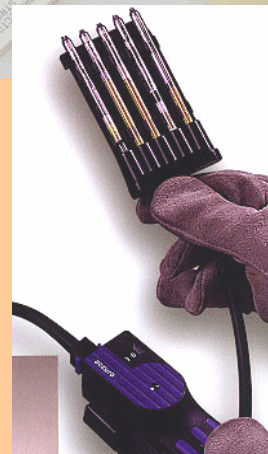
# Flame Ionization Detector



- Measures: Organic Atmospheric Contaminants (Compounds That Will Burn In a Flame)
- Units: Indicates in PPM
- Range: .5 to 1000 ppm

# Chemical Weapons Identification

- M8/M9/M256
- Colorimetric
- PID/FID
- APD 2000
- AP2Ce
- SensIR
- Hapsite
- SaphaIRe





# SensIR—Solid/Liquid ID of Covalently bonded (non-metals) compounds (mainly organics)



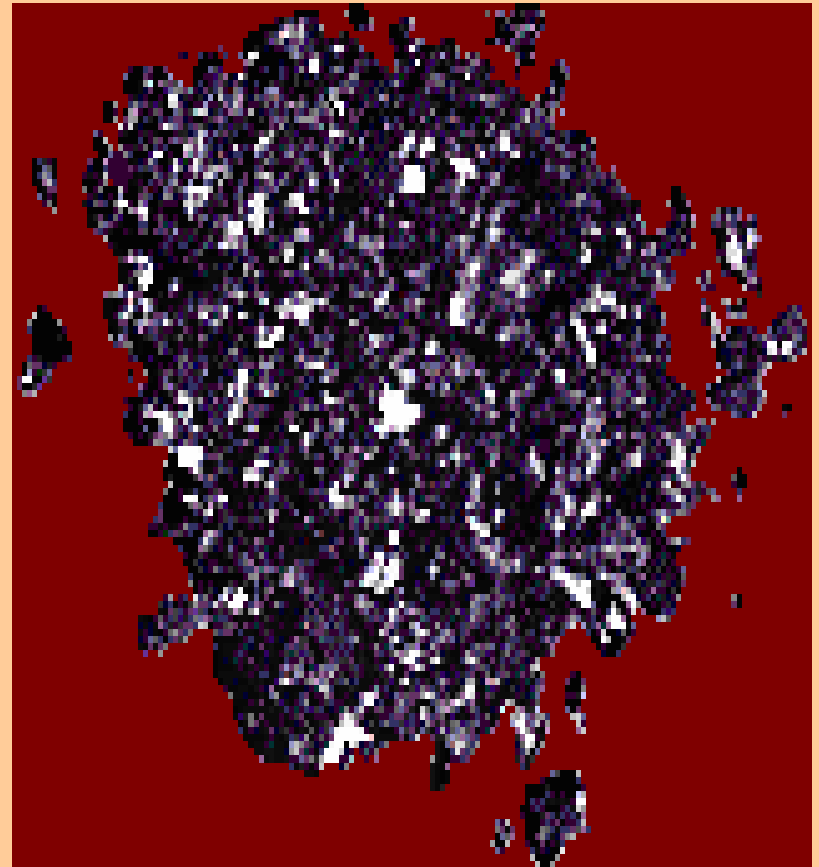


**AP2Ce—Simultaneous V, G, & H  
10 X Sensitive as APD for G  
5 X Sensitive as APD for H**



# SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

- Physical and Chemical Properties
- Solid (crystals?), liquid, gas
- Color
- Odor
- Viscosity
- Other?





# Information Resources

- Compare observed properties of the unknown material to the properties of a likely match or matches
- Test a few unique properties of the material to confirm or deny the identity
- Compound specific references are necessary, preferably more than one

# WHAT IS IT?

- Category versus identity?
- Apply knowledge of chemical families
- Narrow the range of possibilities
- Major Hazard Group



# WHY FIELD SCREENING?

- Hazards
- Bulking
- Disposal
- Transport
- Storage
- Mixtures



# Chemical Segregation

- Use specific information on MSDS, NIOSH, etc.
- DOT Chart (note: acids and bases are both Class 8 (corrosives) but, they should be stored seperately.
- Summary

idiots mix stuff.wmv

**SEGREGATION TABLE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

Class or division	Notes	1.1 1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3 gas zone A	2.3 gas Zone B	3	4.1	4.2	4.3	5.1	5.2	6.1 liq- uids PG I zone A	7	8 liquids only	
Explosives .....	1.1 and 1.2	A *	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Explosives .....	1.3	*	*	*	*	*	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X
Explosives .....	1.4	*	*	*	*	*	O		O	O	O		O	O	X	X	O			O
Very insensitive explo- sives.	1.5	A *	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Extremely insensitive ex- plosives.	1.6	*	*	*	*	*														
Flammable gases .....	2.1	X	X	O	X				X	O							O			O
Non-toxic, non-flammable gases.	2.2	X			X															
Poisonous gas Zone A ...	2.3	X	X	O	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X				X
Poisonous gas Zone B ...	2.3	X	X	O	X		O				O	O	O	O	O	O				O
Flammable liquids .....	3	X	X	O	X				X	O					O					X
Flammable solids .....	4.1	X			X				X	O										X
Spontaneously combus- tible materials.	4.2	X	X	O	X				X	O										X
Dangerous when wet ma- terials.	4.3	X	X		X				X	O										O
Oxidizers .....	5.1	A	X	X	X				X	O	O									O
Organic peroxides .....	5.2	X	X		X				X	O										O
Poisonous liquids PG I Zone A.	6.1	X	X	O	X		O				X	X	X	X	X	X				X
Radioactive materials .....	7	X			X		O													
Corrosive liquids .....	8	X	X	O	X				X	O		O	X	O	O	O	X			

**Notes: O = Must have a separation between the materials**

**X = Must not be shipped in the same vehicle**

**\* = See Compatibility Table for Class 1 (Explosive) Materials**

**A = Ammonium Nitrate and ammonium nitrate fertilizer may be loaded or stored with Division 1.1 or 1.5 materials**

# Summary

- Separate into the 9 DOT Classes
- Separate acids and bases
- Separate oxyacids from non-oxyacids
- Separate oxidizers from flammables
- Separate water reactives from water based solutions
- Multiple Classes are a separate class

A photograph showing two individuals in white protective suits working in a laboratory or field setting. One person is leaning over a workbench, and the other is standing nearby. The scene is brightly lit, and the background shows laboratory equipment and storage cabinets.

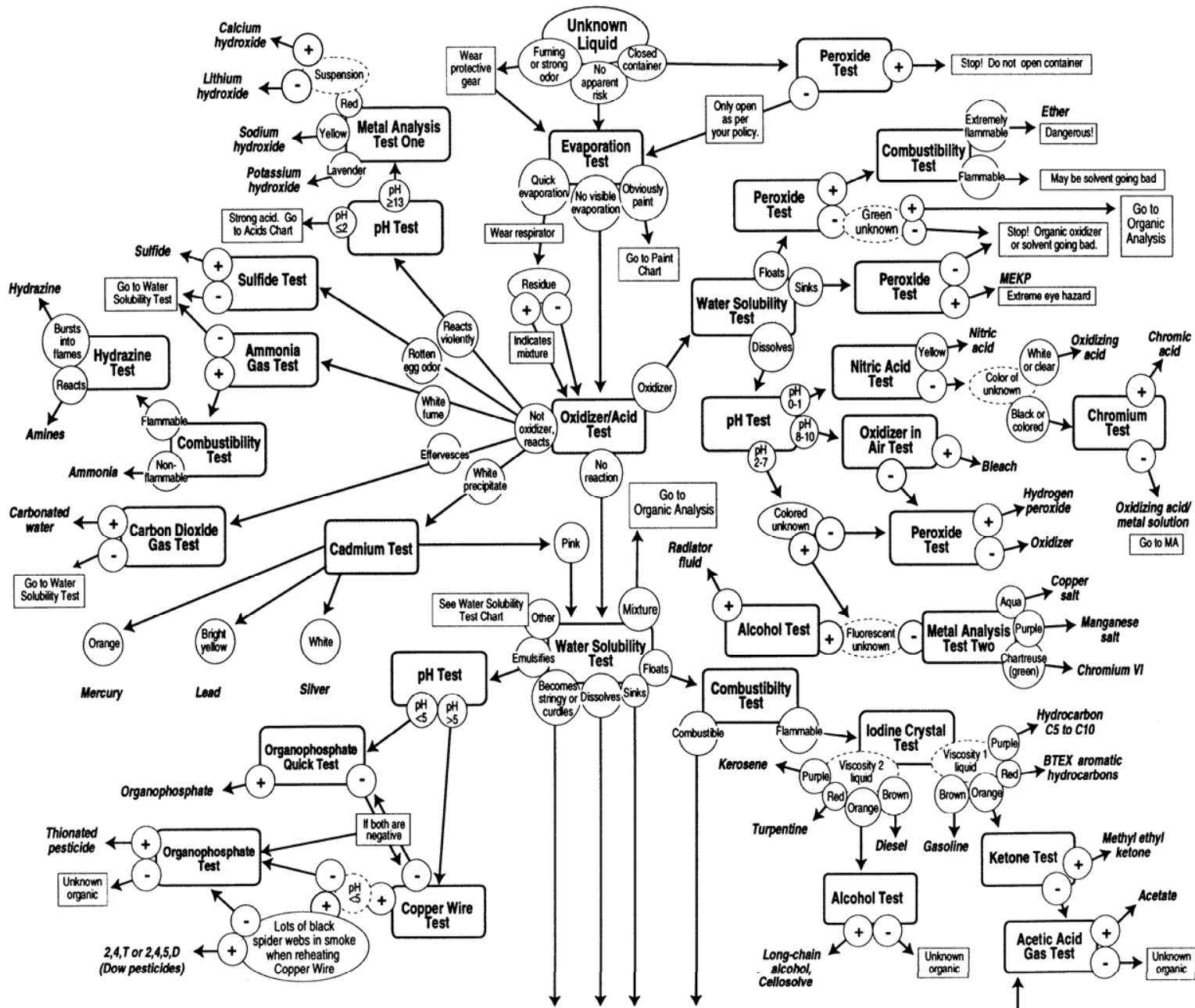
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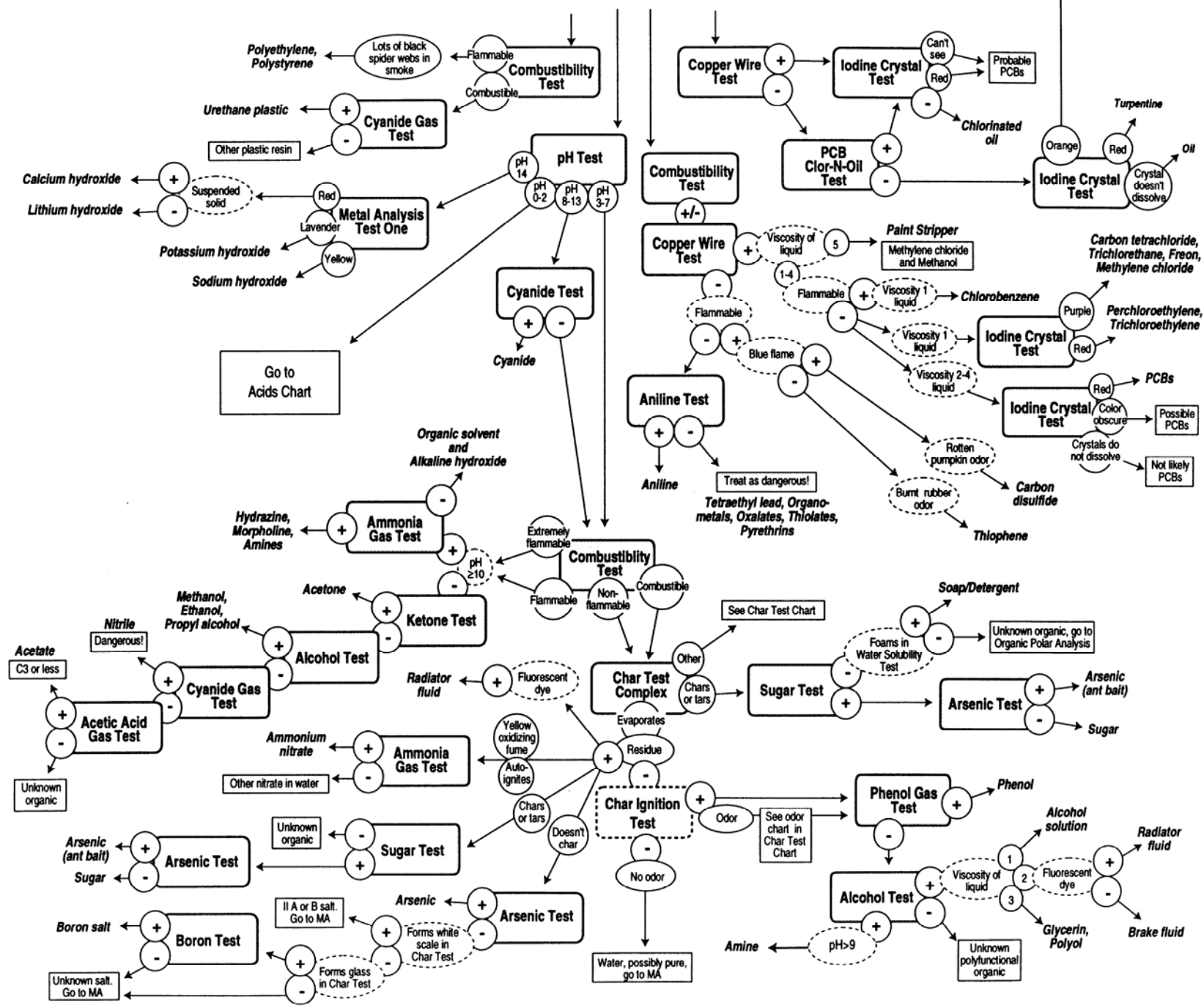


# OBJECTIVES

- Become familiar with the major tests on the HazCat (TM) flowchart
- Interpret the results of the major tests on the HazCat (TM) flowchart
- Apply HazCat(TM) flowchart and manual to identify unknowns

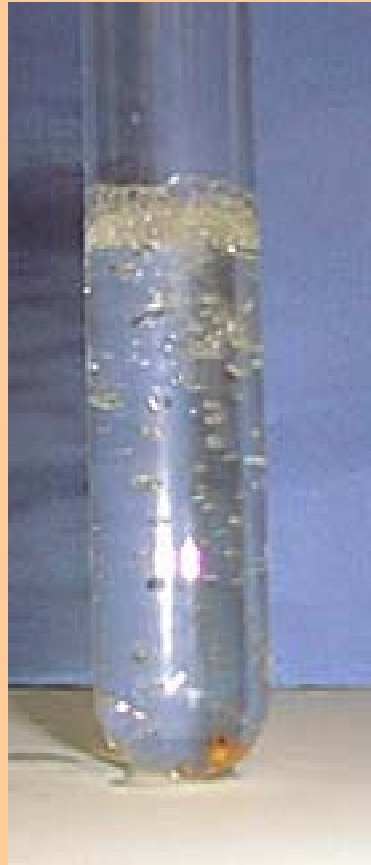
# Unknown Liquids Chart





# Oxidizer/**Acid** Test

- Same oxidizer test as in field screening
- **Acid test** determines if the unknown reacts (bubbles, fizzes, boils, pops, etc.)



# Iodine Crystal Test Results

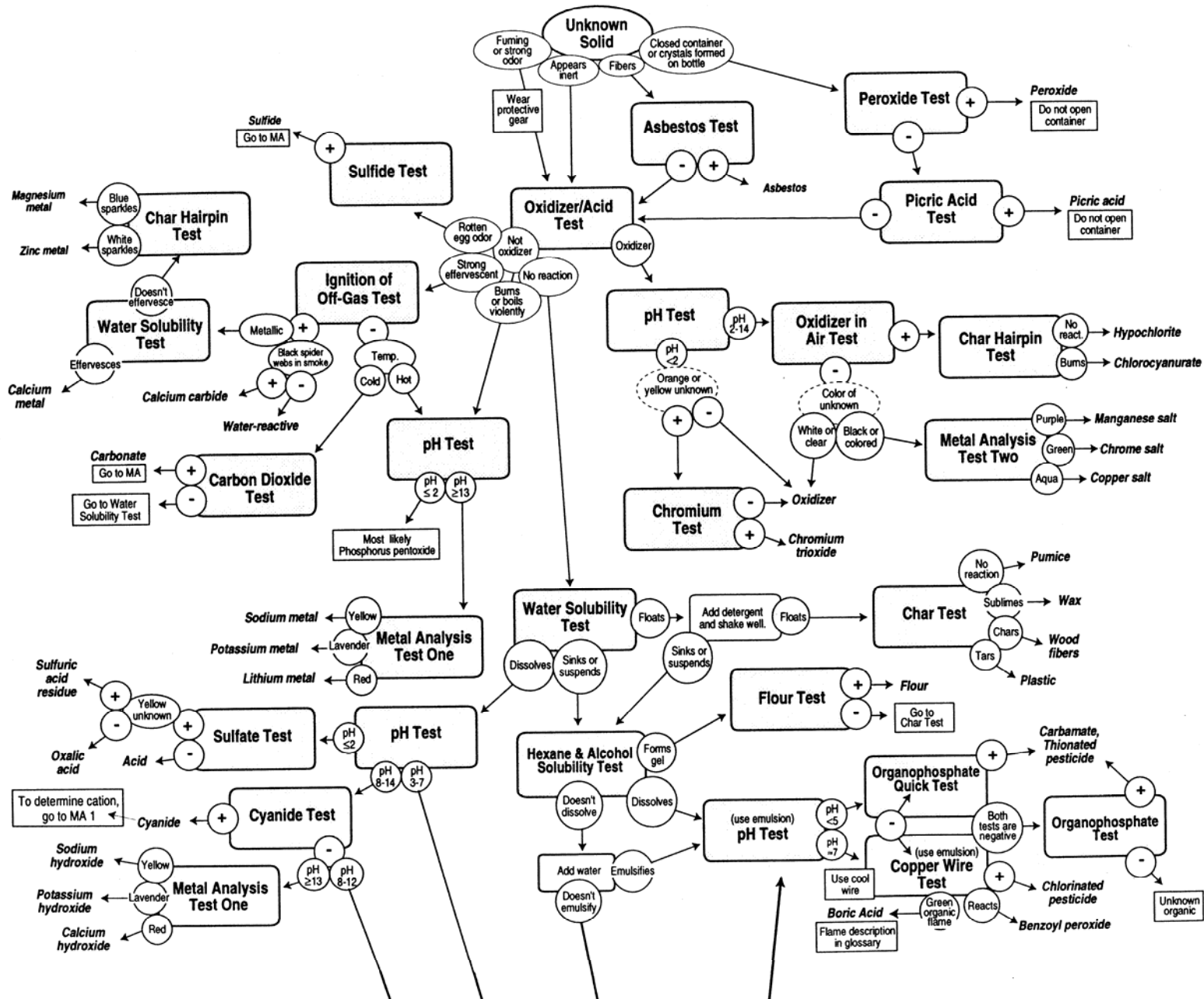


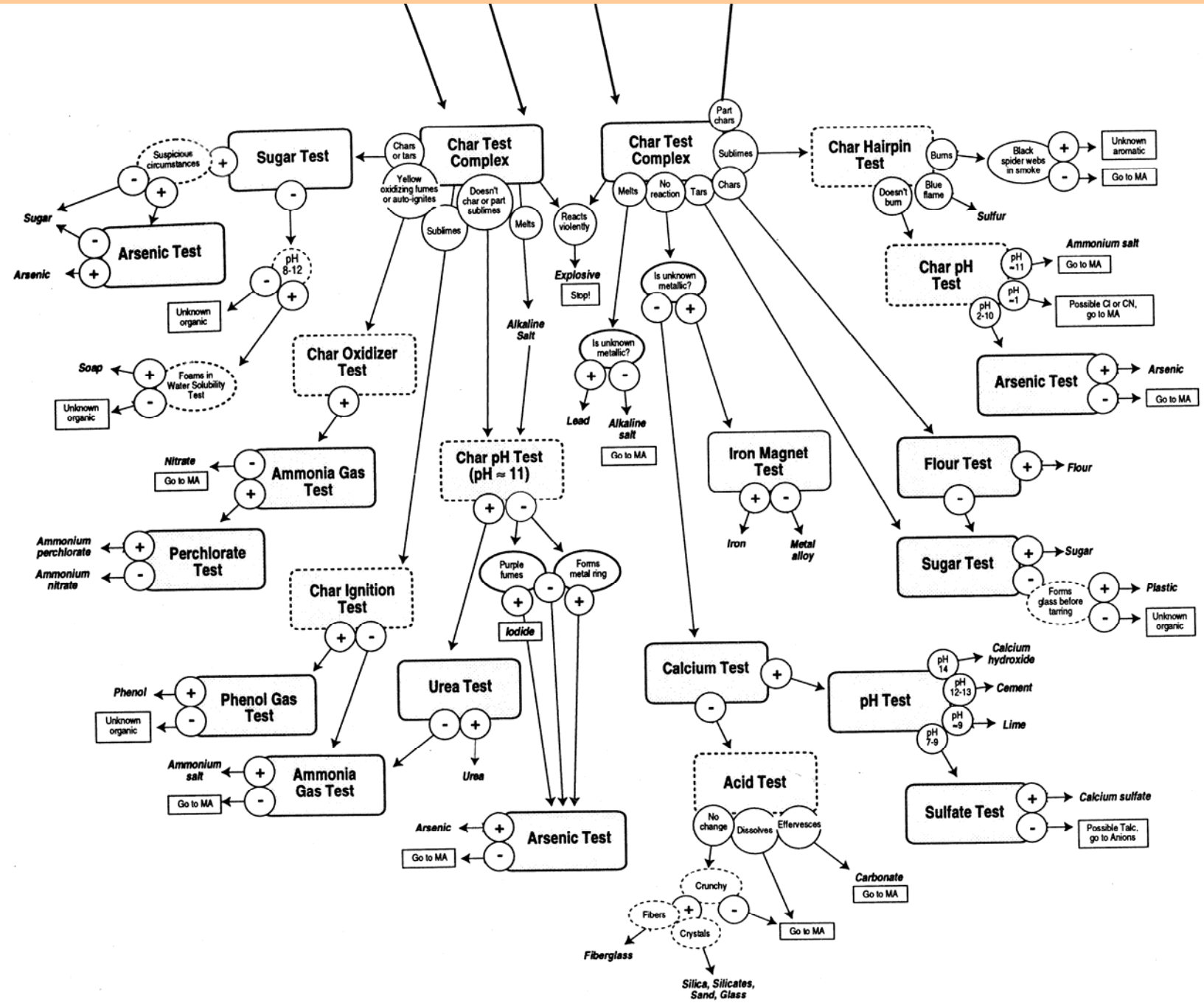
Hexane      Toluene      Acetone      Methanol      Gasoline      Diesel      Mineral Oil





# Unknown Solids Chart







# CONCLUSION

- If properly applied the HazCat(TM) flowchart can assist in identifying materials in the field
- The large number of compounds and mixtures makes it difficult to always identify the unknown material
- Reference materials can also assist in the identification of materials in the field

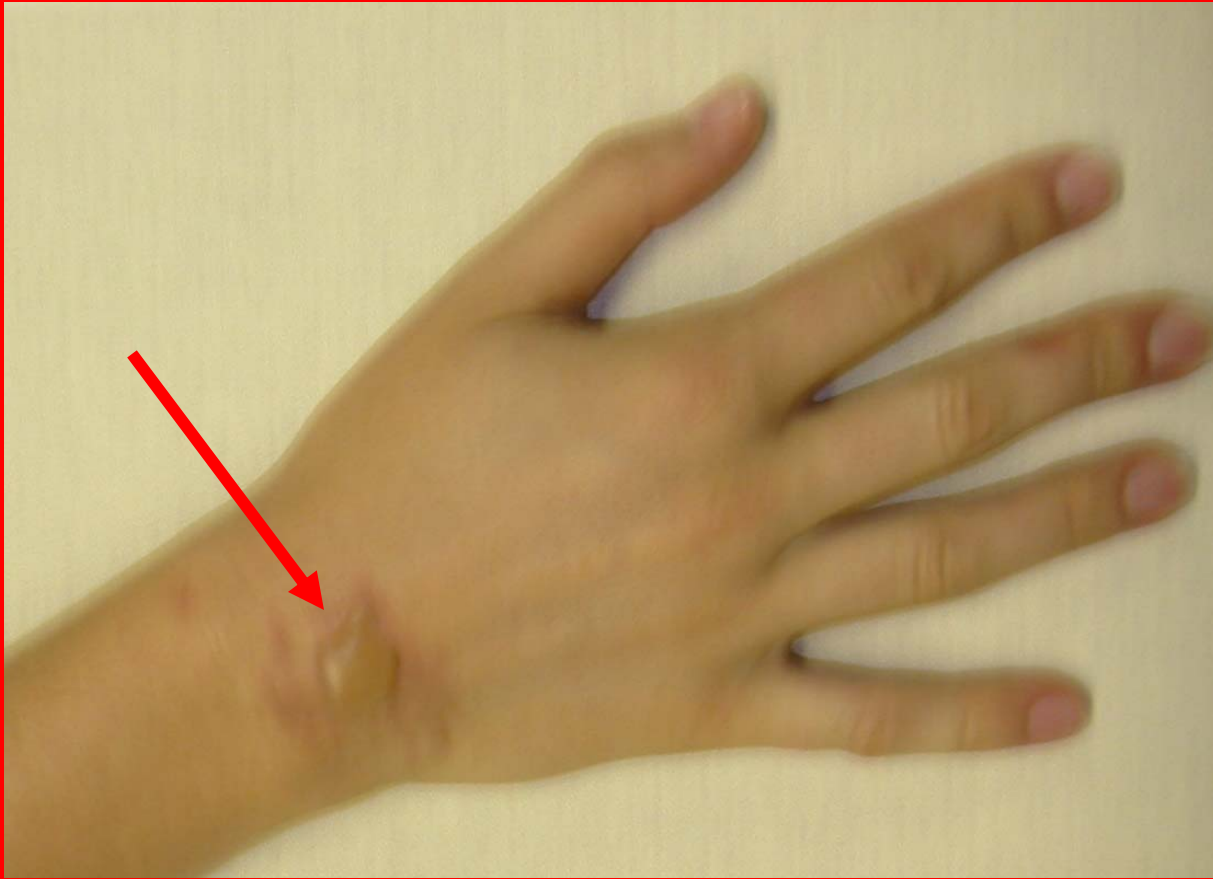
QUESTIONS?



# LABORATORY SAFETY



# Case Studies



# LABORATORY SAFETY

## Planning

- Primary and secondary exits
- Emergency equipment
  - Eyewash
  - Shower
- Keep access to emergency equipment and exits clear
- Keep aisles clear

# LABORATORY SAFETY

## Behavior

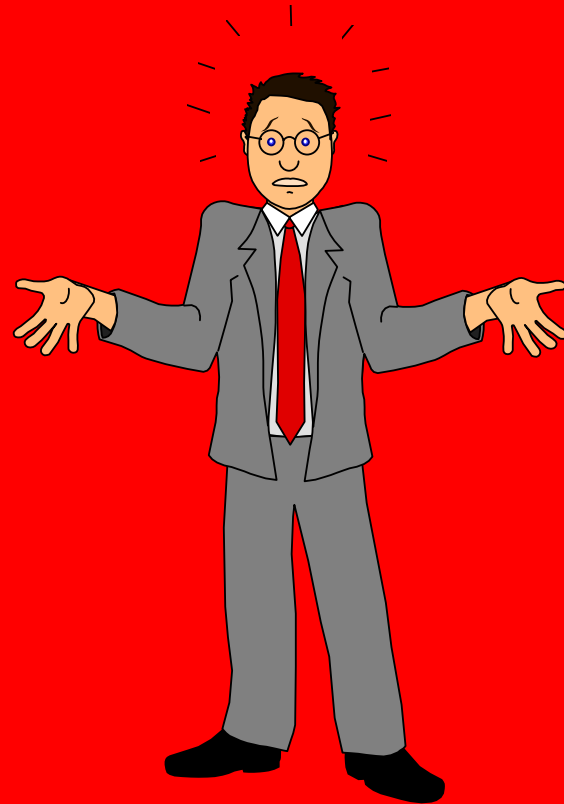
- Listen to & follow directions
- Read & follow instructions
- Read **all** of the test steps before starting the actual test
- Think about why each test is being completed



# LABORATORY SAFETY

## Behavior

- Pipette materials onto test papers/wires
  - Do not place tests into test tubes
- Think about test results
  - Do they make sense?



# LABORATORY SAFETY

## Behavior

- Treat unknowns as hazardous
- Avoid practical jokes
- Always wear PPE
- Be careful with glassware - avoid injury
- Inspect glassware for damage
  - Remove if chipped, cracked, or badly etched





# LABORATORY SAFETY

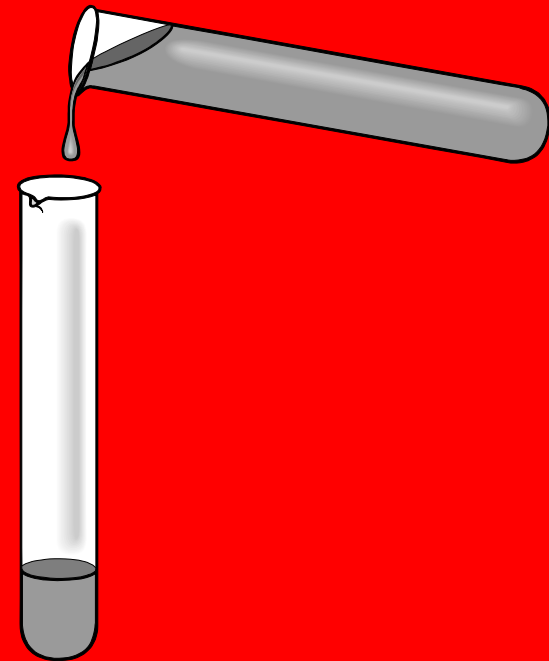
## Behavior

- Point heated test tubes away from all personnel
- Use tongs or special gloves to move hot glassware
- Clean up broken glassware immediately
- Do not pick up broken glass with bare hands

# LABORATORY SAFETY

## Behavior

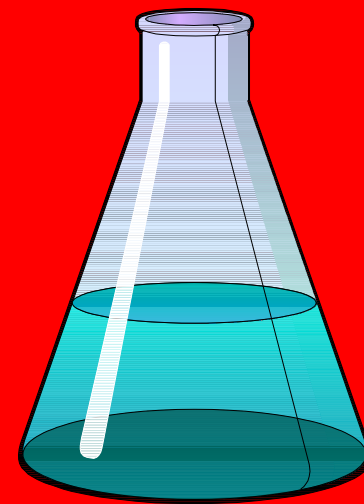
- Be careful of slips, trips, and falls
- No pouring or shaking of test tubes
- Use small amounts of unknown
- Scoop or pipette materials
- BE ALERT



# LABORATORY SAFETY

## Behavior

- Point all flames away from personnel
- Do not dispose of any hot materials in trash
- Do Char Hairpin test before doing the Char test!!!!
- Add the unknown to water
- Follow instructions



# LABORATORY SAFETY

## Clean Up

- Keep work areas clean and uncluttered
- Keep work surfaces clean and cleared
- Decon all non-disposable PPE

