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Chemical, Hazardous Substances, and Petroleum Spills: CRS Experts

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In response to spills of chemicals, hazardous substances, and petroleum after industrial incidents, railroad tanker derailments, and flooding, concerns arise about impacts to public health (e.g., drinking water), as well as coordination of emergency response activities. The following table provides names and contact information for CRS experts on various issues associated with spills and other releases of chemicals, hazardous substances, and petroleum into air and surface water and onto land, including related drinking water, emergency response management, and public health issues.

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U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (Chemical Safety Board, or “CSB”) Clean Air Act 112(r)(6) and Accident Prevention program (Clean Air Act 112(r)(7)) Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) (Title III of Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act)	Richard Lattanzio, Specialist in Environmental Policy	7-....	-redacted-@crs.loc.gov
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