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* Mathematical formulations for transportation quantitative risk analysis
* Databases for accident rate and frequency, accident force types and magnitudes, container failure probability, and release amounts
* Engineering models for container failure analysis
* Quantification of the risk reduction of modifying container design
* A generalized fault tree that can be easily modified for different types of transportation risk analysis

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exposure mitigation measures. Analysis results for both individual and societal risks are discussed. Appendices cover numerical evaluation of train and truck accident scenario frequencies and source term characterization. Hazardous Materials Transportation Risk Analysis will be a valuable reference for supervisors and managers who ship, receive, or transport hazardous materials: state, federal, and local transportation officials; transportation packaging engineers; and others, such as emergency planners and environmental analysts, who have reason to understand transportation risk.

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