In 1973, the Environmental Protection Agency sent to Congress its first comprehensive report on the growing problems of hazardous waste disposal in the United States.\(^1\) The report signalled the beginning of a decade of public and governmental concern over the regulation of chemical wastes. By 1981, two major pieces of federal legislation had been enacted.

The first was the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA),\(^2\) a general reworking of the existing Solid Waste Disposal Act. Subtitle C of RCRA established a comprehensive program of hazardous waste management and provided the framework for "cradle to grave" regulatory coverage.\(^3\)

The RCRA approach was primarily prospective, however, and it failed to provide for the cleanup of existing inactive hazardous waste sites. In 1979, the EPA estimated that there were as many as 50,000 such sites, 1200 to 2000 of which posed a "serious risk to public health."\(^4\) Spurred in part by publicity over the Love Canal incident in New York,\(^5\) and by the EPA's slow progress in promulgating RCRA regulations,\(^6\) Congress enacted the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), popularly known as the "Superfund Act."\(^7\) CERCLA provides authority for emergency responses to releases of hazardous waste from inactive sites, creates a Hazardous Waste Response Trust Fund, and establishes the liability of those responsible for releasing hazardous wastes into the environment.

The two laws form the basis of current federal authority to regulate non-nuclear hazardous waste. Each has been the subject of considerable comment and analysis in legal literature, as has been the general topic of federal regulation in the area. Their passage and implementation have also generated numerous congressional documents and federal agency reports. This bibliography attempts to be comprehensive in its coverage of legal journal articles and congressional material.

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The bibliography is divided into three sections, the first covering general works; the second, RCRA; and the third, CERCLA. Each section includes a list of periodical and monographic literature, and one of government documents. A listing of loose-leaf and other current awareness services is included under the first section.

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