

Historical Timeline

1969

The U.S. DOT meets with the Manufacturing Chemists' Association (now the American Chemistry Council, Inc.) to determine the best approach for reporting and responding to emergency situations involving chemicals in transport.

1971

On September 5th, CHEMTREC becomes fully operational.



1985

CHEMTREC adds foreign language translation for foreign shipments originating or terminating in the U.S.

1986

TRANSCAER®, a national outreach program, is founded to assist communities and prepare responders for hazmat incidents.

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2001

On 9/11, CHEMTREC provides critical information to the New York Police Department's Hazardous Materials team as they evaluate the potential effect of chemicals contained in the collapse of the World Trade Center's twin towers.



2004

CHEMTREC launches medical information coverage as a service.



2006

CHEMTREC hosted the first International Emergency Response Summit in Miami, FL.

2010

CHEMTREC establishes the first global network of in-country telephone numbers.

2017

CHEMTREC launches SDS Direct, including SDS Access, Distribution, and Indexing.



2020

CHEMTREC offers CRITERION lithium battery test summary management service and partners with China's National Registration Center for Chemicals (NRCC) to create a unified global response for chemical emergencies in China.





2022

CHEMTREC's Incident Reporting service is introduced, including regulatory reporting for DOT form 5800.1.



CHEMTREC holds its third International

Hazmat Summit in New Orleans, LA.

MCA establishes CHEMTREC (CHEMical TRansportation Emergency Center), to provide chemical-specific information

to emergency responders around the clock.



MCA becomes the Chemical Manufacturer's Association (CMA).



1970

1988

The CMA implements the Responsible Care program.



1994

CHEMTREC begins providing medical information support.

The U.S. DOT formally recognizes CHEMTREC as an approved source of information and advice relating to chemical and other hazardous materials incidents.

2000

CMA becomes the American Chemistry Council (ACC).

2003



CHEMTREC starts offering extended service protocols (ESP), including Worldwide Authorization.

2009



CHEMTREC develops industry solution for effective marking of lithium batteries in transportation.

2014

CHEMTREC extends it services to include global shipments (shipments to and/or from a country outside the U.S. to another country outside the U.S.).

2019



2021

CHEMTREC launches Crisis Solutions and SDS Authoring and celebrates 50 years of serving the chemical industry and emergency responder community!

CHEMTREC launches Online Hazmat Training and holds its second International Hazmat Summit in Houston, TX. The CHEMTREC HELP Award is established to help volunteer fire departments enhance their response capabilities to hazmat incidents.

