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This bibliography was prompted by the legal issues raised by the December 1984 Carbide plant in Bhopal, India. It focuses on recent works (primarily 1970 to present), dealing with the problems, regulations and litigation involving transnational corporations engaged in the production or transfer of hazardous technologies. The purpose is to provide a starting point for research about Bhopal-type situations.

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