

**HOW TO USE TABLE 3 – INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION  
DISTANCES FOR LARGE SPILLS FOR DIFFERENT QUANTITIES OF  
SIX COMMON TIH (PIH in the US) GASES**

Table 3 lists Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) materials that may be more commonly encountered.

The selected materials are:

- UN1005 - Ammonia, anhydrous
- UN1017 - Chlorine
- UN1040 - Ethylene oxide and UN1040 – Ethylene oxide with nitrogen
- UN1050 - Hydrogen chloride, anhydrous and UN2186 - and Hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid
- UN1052 - Hydrogen fluoride, anhydrous
- UN1079 - Sulfur dioxide/Sulphur dioxide

The materials are presented in numerical order of ID number and provide Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances **FOR LARGE SPILLS** (more than 208 liters or 55 US gallons) involving different container types (therefore different volume capacities, see below) for day time and night time situations and different wind speeds.

- Rail tank car: 80 000 kg (176 368 lbs.)
- Highway tank truck or trailer: 20 000 – 25 000 kg (44 092 – 55 115 lbs.)
- Agricultural nurse tank: 3785 L (1000 gallons)
- Small cylinder: 72 L (19 gallons)
- Ton cylinder: 757 - 1135 L (200 - 300 gallons)

**Estimating Wind Speed from Environmental Clues**

mph	km/h	Wind Description	Specifications
< 6	< 10	Low wind	Wind felt on face; leaves rustle; ordinary vane moved by wind
6 - 12	10 - 20	Moderate wind	Raises dust, loose paper; small branches are moved
> 12	> 20	High wind	Large branches in motion; whistling heard in telephone wires; umbrellas used with difficulty

(Data taken from the Beaufort Wind Scale has been reworked in order to create 3 categories of wind speed: Low, Moderate and High)