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AR	NONE
AZ	7/15 - 1) DEDUCTIBLE CHANGES TO 10% COPAYMENT. 2) MUST HAVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ACCESS FUND. SOME EXCEPTIONS. 3) CAP CHANGES TO \$500,000 - GROUNDWATER AND SOIL. 4) PREAPPROVAL OF WORK REQUIRED - 8/1/96. 5) UPGRADES AND REPLACEMENT COSTS MAY BE APPLIED AGAINST DEDUCTIBLE.
CA	CONTINUOUS CHANGES.
CO	1) PROGRAM TRANSFERRED FROM DEPT. OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT TO DEPT. OF LABOR & EMPLOYMENT. 2) ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE FEE STRUCTURE REVISED TO: FUND BALANCE SURCHARGE (PER SIX TANK LOAD) > \$30 M - \$20-\$30 M \$25 \$5-\$20 M \$50 < \$5 M \$100
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FL	RECENT STATUTORY AMENDMENTS - END REIMBURSEMENT. ALL NEW WORK IS PREAPPROVED IN PRIORITY ORDER WITHIN BUDGET AND STATE CONTRACTS DIRECTLY WITH QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR DESIGNATED BY OWNER. ALSO, NEW AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR CONTAMINATED SITES NOT ALREADY COVERED BY FUND WITH \$300,000 CAP AND 25% COST SHARE.
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IA	NONE.
ID	SUPREME COURT FOUND FUNDING MECHANISM UNCONSTITUTIONAL.
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