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The 1st CIRANO-IDEI-LEERNA CONFERENCE on
**REGULATION, LIABILITY AND THE MANAGEMENT
OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS**

UNIVERSITÉ DE TOULOUSE, JUNE 10-12, 2003.

The recent AZF industrial accident in Toulouse and its long lasting consequences have shown us the practical importance of a good management of industrial/environmental risks. The social, financial and environmental stakes are enormous. The design of efficient regulatory and liability regimes for firms engaged in environmentally risky activities is now high on the agenda of both researchers and policy-makers.

There has been significant theoretical as well as policy oriented works devoted to these issues in recent years. On the theory side, there is now a sizable law and economics literature which, using the tools of incentive and game theory, has analyzed the consequences of various regulatory and liability regimes. On the more applied and policy side, firms (and their partners such as banks, insurance companies, parents, subsidiaries, etc..), governments and Courts are increasingly concerned with the social, financial and political consequences of industrial/environmental risk.

We believe that it is time to take stock of these recent advances. To do so, we plan to gather the best researchers in the field and to confront their ideas and insights with the experience of senior industrial risk managers and policy-oriented practitioners in a three-day conference organized at IDEI-Toulouse with both academic presentations and panel discussions with practitioners aimed at fostering interactions in this important field.

An indicative list of topics (not limitative) that could be addressed by the conference include the consequences of different liability regimes on the industry structure, the political economy of liability and risk regulation, the role of compulsory insurance, etc...

Ashgate Publishing has been approached and there should be a volume edited with the conference selected papers.

Deadline for Submissions: A preliminary version of the (full) paper must be sent, in PDF format, to chauvet@cict.fr before March 31, 2003. Decisions by the scientific committee will be taken and authors will be informed before the April 15, 2003.

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