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WATER POLLUTION KNOWS NO BORDERS. TOXIC CHEMICALS CONTINUE TO ENTER WATER BODIES AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENTS, SUCH AS THE DAM FAILURE AT THE ROMANIAN BAI A MARE GOLDMINE IN 2000, AND THE FIRE IN A CHEMICAL FACTORY AT SCHWEIZERHALLE IN SWITZERLAND IN 1986. BOTH LED TO MASSIVE FISH KILLS AND OTHER DAMAGE TO THE AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS. WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FOR SOCIETY? WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE?

IN ADDITION TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, THE DISCUSSION WILL FOCUS ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF SUCH CROSS-BOARDER EVENTS. QUESTIONS CONCERNING PREVENTION, LIABILITY, INSURANCE WILL BE RAISED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU AND IN SWITZERLAND.

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