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Dear Mr. Macchiarolo:

I enjoyed visiting with you at the Lincoln Day Dinner last week. During our meeting you mentioned the "E-Plan" which I understand you are working on with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Since our meeting, I have been briefed on the "E-Plan" and think it is a great project. I will actively look for opportunities to promote this project.

Thank you for making me aware of this project. I hope you will continue to keep in touch.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature consisting of a thick horizontal line above a vertical line that ends in a horizontal stroke, resembling the letters 'TH'.

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Dear Gentlemen:

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss E-Plan. I applaud your efforts to enhance the safety of first responders and citizens in the proximity of a hazardous waste accident.

E-Plan is a valuable tool which can save lives and protect property. I applaud your foresight in developing the system and I would be pleased to work with you to help publicize its availability. I would also like to pursue a public-private source of funding to provide training and maintenance of the system. I will be pleased to contact officials at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville to help schedule meetings so that you might discuss your ideas of a satellite system there. As I mentioned to you, I think James Lee Witt could be a valuable resource for you and I will be happy to contact him by way of introduction.

I am pleased to have been able to assist you in the past and I look forward to working with you in the future. I urge you to keep me advised of your progress and please do not hesitate to contact me or my assistant, Donna Kay Yeagan, when I may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,


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Dear Jim:

As an E-Plan supporter, I know how useful E-Plan is to the First Responders at emergency events, be they police officers, fire fighters, or other emergency personnel. E-Plan provides multiple sources of information on specific chemicals at a facility when an emergency occurs or during a transportation accident. The tragic events that have occurred in the wake of Hurricane Katrina underscore the importance of efforts to create critical information systems such as E-Plan BEFORE disasters occur. Your recent up-grades to E-Plan to deal with hazardous materials released in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi were very timely and useful.

I am happy that you have all 4400 plus of the Arkansas Tier II facilities in your E-Plan database and that you have already trained several hundred First Responders in Arkansas to use E-Plan.

With over 22,000 chemicals and 40,000 facilities in the database, and instant links to DOT ER Guides, MSDS's, Chemical profiles, NFPA Diamond codes, Coast Guard CHRIS and weather data, E-Plan is becoming the one-stop information resource for our First Responders. Armed with this information, First Responders are better able to protect themselves, the people involved in the emergency, and the surrounding community.

I understand E-Plan is also a great help in pre-planning and fire inspection work, which further enhances the value E-Plan brings to the community in preventing emergencies.

Your continued improvements in E-Plan, such as online Registration and Training, online tier II form filing support, expanded local maps, etc., make E-Plan an invaluable tool for our First Responders, emergency managers, and regulated facilities.

E-Plan is vital to our communities and we urge that you continue to support and improve E-Plan for us.

I was especially impressed with the attached E-Plan Success Stories that are on the E-Plan News web site at <http://eplannews.utdallas.edu/home.htm>.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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