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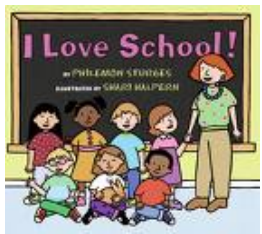
August, 2007

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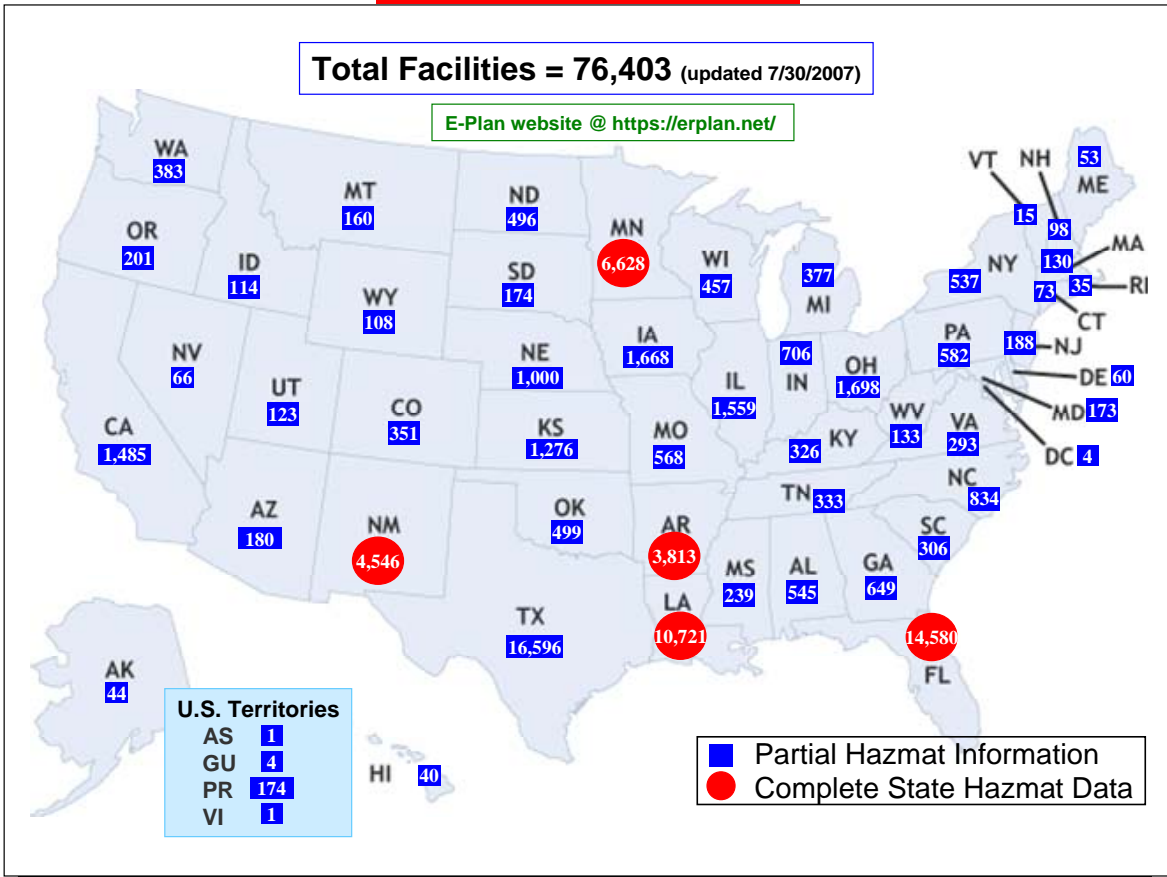
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Hello, E-Plan Users and friends,

E-Plan events and news from across the country.



Congratulations Florida !!! The State of Florida is the 5th state to have all of their Tier II and RMP data loaded into E-Plan.



- ❖ E-Plan Database - Number of Unique Chemicals: **22,759**
- ❖ Number of E-Plan Registered Users: **1,691**
- ❖ E-Plan Website - Number of Visits in July 2007: **1,220**

(E-Plan statistics as of July 30, 2007)

Mark Light chosen as IAFC Executive Director

May 31, 2007

Dear IAFC Members:

On behalf of the IAFC board of directors, I am pleased to announce the selection of our new executive director, Mark W. Light. We conducted a nation-wide search with the assistance of Korn/Ferry International, an executive search firm. A thorough assessment was performed to develop the criteria for the ideal candidate to serve as the executive director. Of the 25 outstanding candidates identified, the executive committee interviewed the four best from this impressive group. It soon became evident to us and the search firm from intensive vetting and interviewing that the best person for this extremely important leadership position was Mark. The IAFC board of directors voted unanimously to hire him.

When it came down to making a decision, we chose someone with a proven record of accomplishments, a 30-year fire service background and a Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation from the American Society of Association Executives. Mark began his career in the fire service as a volunteer paramedic and firefighter. Soon he was hired by a large combination fire/EMS department, where he worked his way up through the ranks and was promoted to deputy chief. His operational fire/EMS career culminated in his becoming fire chief in a metro-sized career department. Additionally, he served as an elected board member and second vice president of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, where he supervised the VFCA's executive director.

Mark's education is impressive: he completed his executive fire officer program early in his career, obtained a master of public administration from Virginia Tech and was named a Harvard University Fellow to the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Last year, he obtained his CAE credentials.

For the last six years, Mark has been on the staff of the IAFC. During the last five and a half years, he has served as deputy executive director to Garry Briese and was responsible for day-to-day operations of the IAFC. He is credited with developing and managing the IAFC strategic planning program. Mark coordinated the September 11th emergency response for the association, sending a team into New York on the night of the 11th and providing critical information to members of the association in the days and weeks following. For the past six years, he has spearheaded the development of the Federal Assistance to Firefighter Grant Criteria by working with eight key fire-service organizations to develop criteria for distribution of over \$3 billion to the fire service.

In accepting the offer, Mark said, "I feel that my 30 years experience in the fire service and association management has been preparing me for this opportunity. I am extremely honored to be selected by our top fire-service leaders to serve as the executive director of the IAFC. "The future of the IAFC is exciting, challenging and unlimited. My role is to harness that excitement and tap into the collective wisdom, experience and perspective of the leaders of the fire service to take our association to the next level."

Chief Steven Westermann of Blue Springs, Mo., will be sworn in as president of the IAFC in August and has said that as incoming president, he is delighted with the selection and is looking forward to the prospect of working with Mark for the vibrant future of the IAFC. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming the best candidate as our new executive director, Mark Light. Continued success as we take the fire service into the 21st century.

Sincerely,
Chief Jim Harnes
IAFC President

Through October 1, 2007, DuPont will provide a replacement valve diaphragm free of charge for each Tychem® Level A suit you have.

From the DuPont web site at:

http://www2.dupont.com/Personal_Protection/en_US/valverepacement.html

FREE Level A valve diaphragm replacement through October 1, 2007



We wish to advise you of an important addendum to the current DuPont™ Tychem® Level A garment inspection policy. Because we value the safety of all wearers, DuPont is recommending that all Tychem® Level A suits purchased from May 2002 through June 2007 have the valve diaphragm replaced. The valve manufacturers, Auer and Pirelli, recommend replacement of the valve diaphragm every two years as part of routine maintenance.

[Click here for valve diaphragm replacement instructions.](#)

E-Plan Best Practices

The Use of E-Plan Use for Fire Inspections

Fire Department fire inspectors and fire marshals are downloading and printing a specific facility's Tier II report and/or RMP report from E-Plan (<https://erplan.net/>) prior to visiting the facility for an on-site inspection.

With the Tier II or RMP Report in hand, the Fire Inspector can check the facility and query facility management about the type, quantities and locations of hazardous materials.

Any changes in the kind of hazardous materials, storage locations and quantities become readily apparent to the Inspector. He can note any changes and ask the facility to up-date their Tier II report or RMP Plan.

This helps the Inspector in recommending improvements that the facility should make to hazardous materials storage and/or use and significantly speeds up the inspection process.

If you have an "E-Plan Best Practice" that you would like to share with others, please send us your "E-Plan Best Practice" to UT Dallas' CyberSecurity & Emergency Preparedness Institute.

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E-Plan Outreach

E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS SCHEDULED

- Oklahoma SERC in Tulsa, OK – August 3, 2007
- Homeland Security Summit in Arlington, VA – September 5–7, 2007
- Greensboro/Guilford County, North Carolina LEPC Conference – October 8 and 9, 2007
- Virginia Hazmat Conference in Hampton, VA – October 15–19, 2007
- North Carolina EMA Fall Conference in Atlantic Beach, NC – October 28–31, 2007
- Hotzone Conference in Houston, TX – October 18–21, 2007
- Oklahoma Metro Fire Chiefs Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK – November 8, 2007
- Clean Gulf Conference in Tampa, FL – November 15 and 16, 2007
- Texas Homeland Security Conference in Austin, TX – November 2007
- EPA Region 3 Hazmat Conference in Pittsburg, PA – December 2007

Forgot Your E-Plan User Account Password?



If you have an E-Plan account and have forgotten your password, please go to the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net>

- Click on “Forgot your password? Retrieve Password”
- Enter your UserID and click on “Submit” button

We will send your current password to your e-mail address immediately.

Correct information is critical in hazmat response situations. The life you save may be your own.



Please notify us if you find any errors in your area’s Tier II or RMP data.

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Help Us Help You!

Please check with your fellow responders and co-workers to make sure you are all receiving the E-Plan monthly newsletters. We have a number of “undeliverable” e-mail notifications each month. Maybe someone’s e-mail address has changed, or their job title has changed. If you or your co-worker is **NOT** receiving the E-Plan Newsletter, please send us your name and e-mail address and we will put you on the E-Plan Newsletter mailing list. Please use the “**Contact Us**” button on the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> or contact us by **e-mail:** eplan@utdallas.edu.

E-Plan User's Group Conference Planned for the Spring, 2008



We are planning the first ever E-Plan User's Group Conference for **Spring of 2008** (late February or early March) at The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas to get together, network and share best practices and develop ongoing strategies for the E-Plan program. We are letting you know early about this planned conference so that you can budget travel money for the Conference. Conference Registration fees will be about \$50 per person to cover the costs for breakfast, breaks, and lunch. Great hotels in the Richardson, Texas area (Renaissance, Radisson) are about \$85 per night.

We expect the conference to be about 1 1/2 days in length, so that you can travel home the afternoon of the second day.

- Day 1: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (tentative)
- Day 2: 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM (tentative)

Top-notch keynote speakers will be invited and included on the program.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- ◆ E-Plan Best Practices
- ◆ E-Plan Success Stories
- ◆ How are users utilizing E-Plan?
- ◆ Review E-Plan features
- ◆ Review how Tier2 Submit works
- ◆ What new E-Plan features are needed?
- ◆ Demonstration of E-Plan (for new users)
- ◆ E-Plan electronic Bulletin Board
- ◆ E-Plan issues/problems?



We are looking for speakers and session leaders for this conference!

If you have suggestions for the agenda, or would like to volunteer to lead a session, please contact us by using the “**Contact Us**” button on the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> or

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And now, for our monthly humor section

Disorder In The Court ...

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?
WITNESS: I forget.
ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?
WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?
WITNESS: Are you kiddin'in me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?
WITNESS: Yes.
ATTORNEY: How many were boys?
WITNESS: None.
ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?
WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?
WITNESS: By death.
ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?
WITNESS: Now whose death do you suppose terminated it?

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?
WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.
ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?
WITNESS: Guess.

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Freedom is Never Free!
Remember our troops fighting for our security and freedom!

