

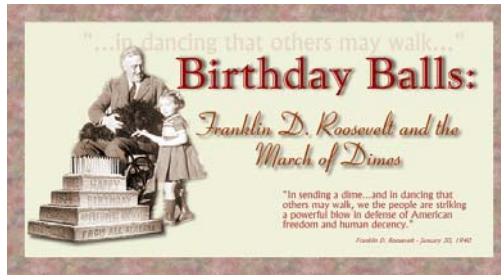


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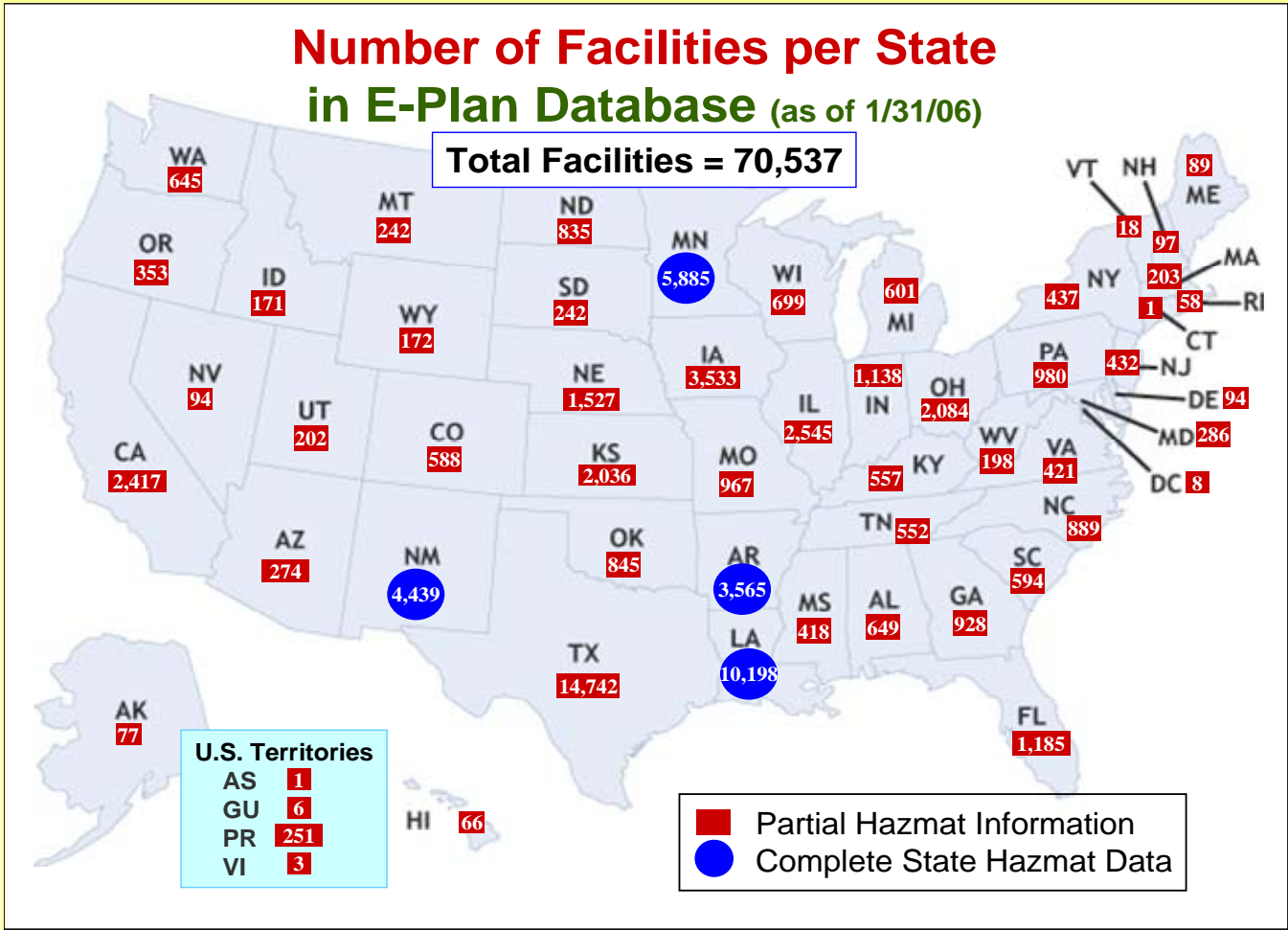
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Hello, E-Plan Users and friends,

This is your February, 2006 Newsletter to update you on E-Plan events and news across the country.



E-Plan has nationwide coverage in all 50 States.



E-Plan Tips



Forgot Your Account Password

If you have an E-Plan account and forgot your password, contact us

by email: jenny.wall@utdallas.edu

or

call us at 972-883-2631

We will provide you your current password.

E-Plan Statistics and Outreach

E-PLAN STATISTICS (as of January 31, 2006)

- ❖ Number of Facilities: **70,537**
- ❖ Number of Unique Chemicals: **21,057**
- ❖ Number of Registered Users: **1,160**

E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS LAST MONTH

- January 23-26 - EPA Region 6 LEPC Conference in Little Rock, AR
- January 31 - Texas A & M Fire Department and seven county Council of Governments in College Station, TX

E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED

- February 8 - New York State Emergency Managers Conference in Syracuse, NY
- February 9 - Greater Greensboro, NC LEPC and Office of Emergency Management
- Humble, TX – February meeting and training planned

E-PLAN TRAINING SCHEDULED

- Pasadena, TX
- Corsicana, TX
- Greensboro, NC
- City of Dallas, TX – February 16, 2006 on UTD campus
(http://csepi.utdallas.edu/epc_training.htm)

Did you know...

Congress is acting to make chemical plants, one of the nation's greatest terrorist vulnerabilities, safer. In December 2005, Senators Susan Collins, a Maine Republican, and Joseph Lieberman, a Connecticut Democrat, unveiled a bipartisan chemical plant security bill.

If terrorists attacked a chemical plant, the death toll could be significant. A single breached chlorine tank could, according to the Department of Homeland Security, "Worst Case Scenarios" lead to 17,500 deaths, 10,000 severe injuries and 100,000 hospitalizations. Many chemical plants have increased their security, but not enough, according to Senators Collins and Lieberman.

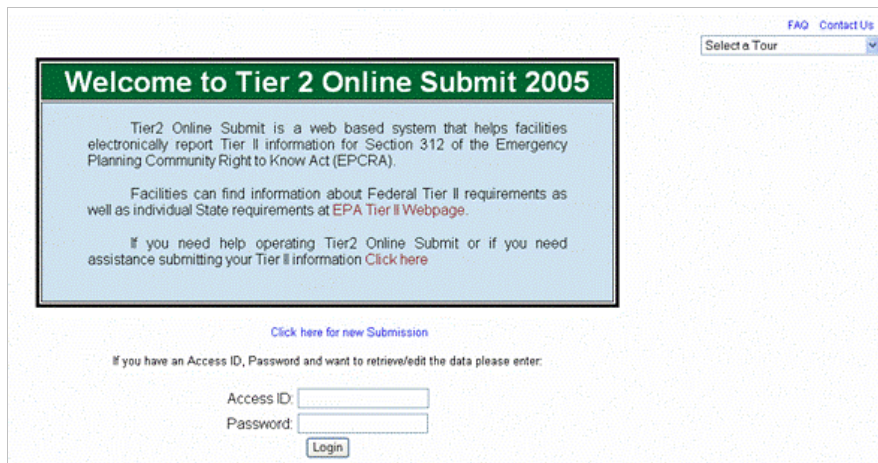
Senator Collins, the chairwoman of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, has held hearings on chemical plant security, and has now come up with this bill with both Republican and Democratic sponsors.

The bill requires chemical plants to conduct vulnerability assessments and develop security and emergency response plans. The Department of Homeland Security would be required to develop performance standards for chemical plant security. In extreme cases, plants that do not meet the standards could be shut down.

TIER2 ONLINE BETA TESTING

E-Plan is offering managers with responsibility for filing Tier II data an online system that simplifies the process for creating the Tier II submission files. Since the system is online, there is no software to download or install. The user goes to the secure web site, enters their Tier II data in a secure location that is ID and password protected, and then creates a set of Tier II zip files that can be written to CDs and filed with the appropriate state agency.

Get started by going to <http://erplan.net/>. There may be two security alerts to get there. Say OK to the first one and Yes to the second one. The E-Plan home page will appear. Ignore the login. Click on the third line in the left-hand blue side bar, which is **Tier2 Online BETA**. You may see another Security Alert. If so, click Yes. You have arrived at the Tier2 Online Welcome screen.



On the upper right is an FAQ link. You should review this question and answer area, since some of the answers contain tours that will help you navigate through Tier2 Online. The tours, which operate somewhat like a VCR, show you how the system works. Also on the upper right of the screen, you will find the “Contact Us” link. Please use it to report any problems or to ask questions. Your inquiry will be answered as soon as possible.

If this is your first time to use the system, click on the ‘Click here for a new Submission’. If you’ve been here before and want to review or revise your data, enter your Access ID (which you have previously recorded, somewhere) and password and the system will connect to your previously entered data.

First time users will select a Password, enter their name and e-mail address and then start the data entry process. Data is entered for emergency contact personnel, facilities, and chemicals in those facilities. Data can be added, edited, or deleted later by returning and using the Access ID and Password.

After entering your Tier II data, you can create the files you need to send to your state. Note that Tier2 Online does NOT make the filing for you with the state at this time. If we have enough interest, we may add online state filing at a later date. For now, you must create the files and then send them to the state by an appropriate means to meet the statutory filing requirement of your state.

On completing your first data entry you are assigned an Access ID. You must enter this Access ID and the password you chose to access your data records. Please write down your Access ID number. You will need it each time you access your data.

Note that the data you enter in this database is available to First Responders via the E-Plan system. Please keep the data current so that First Responders will have the correct information when they need it.

Good luck and use the “Contact Us” button on the web site if you have questions or comments.

Facility Maps on E-Plan

It is important for you to check the Google Maps in your county for accuracy. There were a few incidents, in which multiple facilities were located at the same place, even though they had different street addresses. It was due to an error in latitude and longitude data supplied to E-Plan. Please check your county to make sure E-Plan has your facilities in the right place on Google Maps.

If you find any discrepancies or errors, please contact us immediately so we can make the corrections for you.

Speaking of Google Maps:

You may occasionally get a message with Google Maps that says, *“We are sorry, but we don’t have maps at this zoom level for this region. Try zooming out for a broader look.”*

If this happens to you, try two things:

1. Zoom out by clicking on the minus sign (-) on the zoom bar located on the upper left edge of the map. You may have to click on the minus sign (-) a couple of times to get Google Maps to respond properly.
2. Try logging out and logging back in. This problem is not consistent and sometimes the problem comes and goes.

If this does happen to you, please report it to E-Plan:

- **By e-mail:** jenny.wall@utdallas.edu
- **By phone:** 972-883-2631
- **By fax:** 972-883-4441

Thanks in advance for your help and cooperation!

E-Plan Online Training and Registration

To register for E-Plan and/or take the E-Plan online training, go to the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> and click on the “E-Plan Training & Registration”.



- ◆ *To become an authorized E-Plan user, just follow the prompts to fill out the online “Account Request” and “New User Information” forms.*
- ◆ *You can take the online E-Plan training from this web page. Online training will take an hour or less.*

◆ Accident Scenarios in Training Module



There are two Accident Scenarios in the Online Training module, based on real incidents. You can compare your response actions to these two accidents on E-Plan. By comparing your response actions to the actual response actions, you can sharpen your response skills and learn more about how to use E-Plan.



And, now for a bit of humor!

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen. Here's the current list:

The people who are starting college this past fall across the nation were born in 1986.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.
Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.
The CD was introduced the year they were born.
They have always had an answering machine.
They have always had cable.
They cannot fathom not having a remote control.
Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.
Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.
They never took a swim and thought about the shark in Jaws.
They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.
They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.
They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane, Boss, de plane".
They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is.
McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.
They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.



Does this make you feel old now?

Contact Us ...



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Remember our troops fighting for our safety and security!

