



When every second counts...

E-PLAN™ NEWS

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Hello, E-Plan™ users,

This is the first of a series of monthly newsletters published by The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) Digital Forensics & Emergency Preparedness Institute (DFEPI) to update you on E-Plan™ happenings and news in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and around the country.

RECENT E-PLAN™ TRAINING NEWS...

- ❖ **Total number of E-Plan™ Registered Users is now 369.**
 - Forty people were trained and certified as E-Plan™ Registered Users on September 16 and 17, 2003 in 4 training classes in McKinney, TX for Collin County, TX.
 - Eighteen members of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) technical staff were trained and certified as E-Plan™ Registered Users on October 2, 2003 in Little Rock, AR.
 - Eleven members of the Columbia County, Arkansas Office of Emergency Management and Emergency Central Dispatch Office were trained and certified as E-Plan™ Registered Users on September 13 and 27, 2003 at South Arkansas University in Magnolia, AR.
- ❖ Arkansas TRANSCAER (TRANSp_ortation C_ommunity A_wareness and E_mergency R_esponse) is collaborating with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) to provide E-Plan™ training throughout the state of Arkansas. Arkansas TRANSCAER is a volunteer organization of transporters, spill responders, government agencies, Arkansas Environmental Federation, and manufacturers that deal with Hazardous Materials. Our hats are off to John Ferrell, Arkansas TRANSCAER Chair and Plant Manager of Ashland Chemical, Jacksonville, AR and all the TRANSCAER officers and members for their vision and commitment to spreading E-Plan™ to every corner of Arkansas.

E-PLAN™ FEATURES UP-DATE...

- ❖ **We now have 21,051 chemicals in the E-Plan™ Database.**
- ❖ E-Plan™ has a “Big Screen” or “Small Screen” option on the Log-on Page.
 - If you are using a PDA to log on to E-Plan™, select the “Small Screen” option. Data is displayed in a narrower format, making it easier to read on a small PDA screen.
 - If you are logging on to E-Plan™ from a laptop or a desktop PC, leave the “Big Screen” option activated.
- ❖ E-Plan™ has “Show Detailed View” and “Show Normal View” buttons on a company’s opening page, just below the company contact information. If a company has submitted additional data to E-Plan™ such as tank locations or tank numbers, that information will be displayed here. Even if the company has not added such data to E-Plan™, there can be additional chemical data displayed in “Show Detailed View.”

LOOK FOR E-PLAN™ AT THE...

- **Hot Zone Conference** October 15-18, Houston
- **LEPC Conference** November 10-13, Houston
- **Clean Gulf Conference** November 19-20, New Orleans

E-PLAN™ HELPFUL HINTS...

- ➔ You will have to up-date your **password** every six months. When it is time for you to change your password, E-Plan™ will let you know when you log on. Be sure to note when your new password took effect and keep it in a secure place.
- ➔ Encourage your local companies to put Emergency Plans, Risk Management Plans and facility/building maps on E-Plan™. If they have questions about security of such data, ask them to contact **Jim Staves**, Director of UTD DFEPI's Emergency Preparedness Center at 972-883-2874.
- ➔ Practice with E-Plan™ at the demo site by logging on <http://erplan.net> with the User ID "Demo-IM" and use "training" as your password. Then type in a company name, "IGNO" or "ISSPEC" or "DISTILL" or a, c, e or i in the "Search" box and then hit "Enter". You can practice using E-Plan™ with your home or office computer on these fictitious companies.

NEW E-PLAN™ ENDORSEMENTS...

- ◆ The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) formally endorsed E-Plan™ last month. ADEQ Director Marcus Devine said, "Clearly, E-Plan™ is a simple but powerful new tool for all First Responders in Arkansas - ADEQ personnel, Fire Fighters, Law Enforcement Officers, industrial fire brigades and LEPC's."
- ◆ We are also working with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Hazmat Committee to endorse E-Plan™ for all Firefighters and First Responders nationwide. A number of the improvements to E-Plan™ are the direct result of inputs from Chief Jan Dunbar, Sacramento, CA Fire Department and Hazmat Committee member. Chief Jan Dunbar is working out the details of endorsement at the direction of IAFC HAZMAT Chair, Chief John Eversole, and Chicago Fire Department.

FEEDBACK...

- ❖ **Success stories** – We want to publicize your E-Plan™ success! Send us how you use E-Plan™ or other E-Plan™ success stories or for inclusion in the future newsletters.
- ❖ **Tell us what you think about E-Plan™** – We welcome all of your questions and suggestions about E-Plan™ System, E-Plan™ Website, and E-Plan™ Newsletter.

Please forward your success stories, comments, questions, or suggestions to **Jenny Wall**.

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