



E-PLAN NEWS

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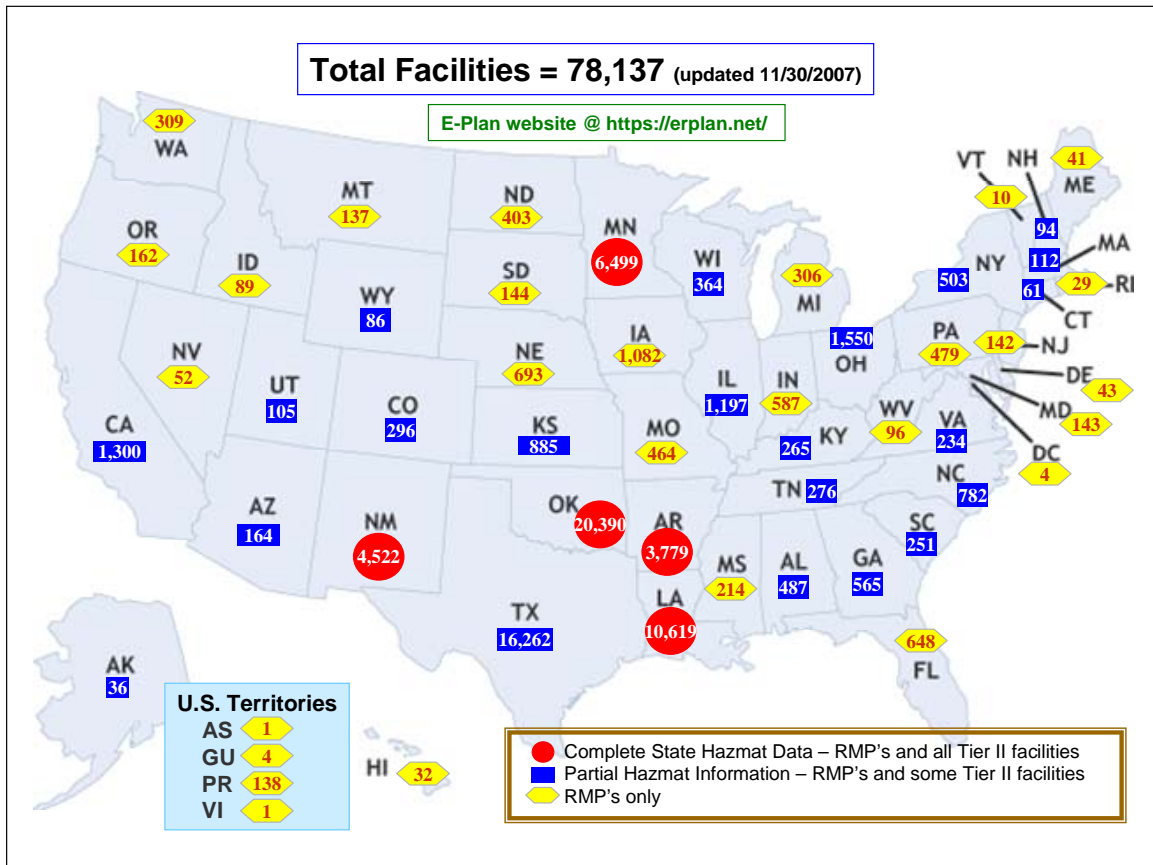
Hello, E-Plan Users and friends,

Happy Holidays
AND BEST WISHES
FOR A NEW YEAR OF
HAPPINESS, SAFETY AND PEACE



E-Plan database – Unique chemicals: 22,759
E-Plan registered users: 1,839

E-Plan website visits
– November 2007: 1,545
– January – November 2007: 15,224



E-Plan has nationwide coverage in all 50 States.

E-Plan featured in the November/December 2007 issue of “Industrial Fire World” Magazine!

“Industrial Fire World” magazine did a feature article on E-Plan. You can read the article on line at http://www.fireworld.com/ifw_articles/eplan_1107.php

For all the industrial facility readers of the E-Plan Newsletter, consider subscribing to “Industrial Fire World”. Each issue is full of good information on industrial emergency response and firefighting, as well as current regulatory issues of interest.

E-Plan Outreach

E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS IN NOVEMBER 2007

- Lubbock, TX E-Plan training, November 5, 2007
- NASTPO Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV – November 6–8, 2007
- Oklahoma Metro Fire Chiefs Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK – November 8, 2007
- Clean Gulf Conference in Tampa, FL – November 15 and 16, 2007

E-PLAN INFORMATION SESSIONS SCHEDULED

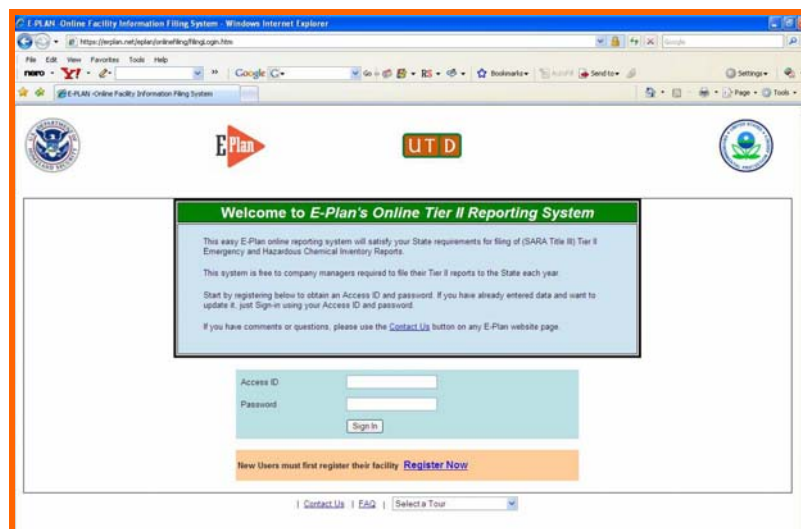
- Texas Homeland Security Conference in San Antonio, TX – December 3–7, 2007
- Oklahoma local E-Plan training – January 2008
- E-Plan Users' Conference at UT Dallas, Richardson, TX – April 22 and 23, 2008
- NFPA World Safety Conference in Las Vegas, NV – June 2-8, 2008

E-Plan Online Tier2 Submit

COMPANIES – Use [E-Plan's Online Tier II Reporting System](#) if you want to save time and money and trouble filing Tier II reports and make sure they get to your local First Responders.

FIRST RESPONDERS – Do you want to always have up-to-date Tier II Reports for your facilities? Encourage your facilities to use [E-Plan's Online Tier II Reporting System](#). This is a good reason for you or your Fire Inspector to visit your local facilities, tell them about [E-Plan's Online Tier II Reporting System](#), and look over your pre-plans.

You can get started by going to the [E-Plan's Online Tier II Reporting System](https://erplan.net/eplan/onlinefiling/filingLogin.htm) website at <https://erplan.net/eplan/onlinefiling/filingLogin.htm>



DID YOU KNOW...

Gasoline is necessary for citizens as they do their normal routines around their homes, but it has some very dangerous properties. Make sure the citizens you serve use good common sense around gasoline. Please pass this article on to your friends, family and to anyone you think this article will help.

(From your friends at E-Plan)

Don't Siphon Gasoline with a Vacuum Cleaner.

USA, AZ, PHOENIX, OCTOBER 13, 2007

VACUUM CLEANER SPARKED BLAST THAT INJURED FOOTBALL PLAYER

by Sarah Muench and Don Ketchum

A spark from a vacuum cleaner that was being used to siphon gasoline from a car's tank created the explosion that seriously burned a Chandler High football player over the weekend, a Chandler Fire Department official said Monday. Chandler High School's Dion Jordan, the Republic's All-Arizona tight end in 2006 who as a senior is perhaps the state's top college football prospect this season, was hospitalized Saturday with third-degree burns to more than 40 percent of his body.

Chandler coach Jim Ewan and fire officials said that after the team's morning practice Saturday, the 6-foot-6, 215-pound Jordan and a few teammates were attempting to siphon gasoline from a vehicle parked in a team member's garage using a vacuum cleaner when the spark from the vacuum caused the explosion. "It's a bad enough explosion that if you had it inside the house it would blow the windows out," said Battalion Chief Dan Couch, a Chandler Fire spokesman. "It's a quick, intense explosion."

Jordan was evacuated by helicopter at about 1 p.m. from the teammate's home in the 1100 block of West Gary Court to Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix. Ewan and his wife visited Jordan at the hospital Monday afternoon and came away with encouraging news. "The doctors were going to do some skin grafts on the arms, but apparently are now going to let them heal on their own," Ewan said. He also said doctors had planned to do some skin grafts on Jordan's legs, which took the brunt of the fire and explosion, but are postponing that decision for a week to see if the legs show more signs of healing on their own. Ewan said Jordan, who may be hospitalized for a month, was upbeat and positive. "He's going to do whatever it takes to get through this and we are going to be here to help him," he said. The burns, Ewan said, run from Jordan's shoulders down to his hands and fingertips, and from his knees to his toes.

Couch said the explosion was so intense it melted part of the vacuum cleaner. No one else was injured. Usually when someone suffers third-degree burns, it's difficult for the skin to recover, Couch said. "The problem is you end up with a wound that doesn't want to heal itself," Couch said, adding that there's a high risk of infection. Most third-degree burn patients also must undergo skin grafts but have a good chance of a full recovery, Couch said. "He's intelligent, he's driven, he's athletic, and I think he's going to work hard to overcome it," Couch said.

Couch said as a general safety tip that it's not safe to work with gasoline, and someone who needs to siphon a gas tank should seek professional assistance from a mechanic. Jordan had caught six passes for 124 yards and a touchdown in Chandler's 14-13 Class 5A Division I Fiesta Region win over Gilbert Highland on Friday night.

Colleges from across the country have been in contact with Jordan, who has expressed an interest in Oregon, California and Oregon State. "This puts everything in perspective," Ewan said. "You don't worry about football when these types of things happen."

A Practical Guide to Portable Generators

November 7, 2007 "**Fire Chief**" Magazine
by Chris Cavette "**In Service**" Senior Editor

Many modern apparatus have large, built-in generators to provide electrical power for lights, equipment and tools at incident scenes. This is an effective way to put a generator in operation quickly with a minimum of personnel. Despite this trend, there still are many situations where smaller, portable generators can be of great value.

Portable generators can be handy in situations where power is needed beyond the reach of most cord reels, for example, at remote rescue sites such as over-the-side vehicle extrications or back-country rope rescues. Portable generators also can provide emergency power to evacuation centers, gas stations, city buildings, or other key facilities during storms to keep apparatus free to respond to other incidents.

Here are some practical points that departments should consider when specifying portable generators:

Power ratings. Generators have two power ratings. The maximum rating is the power in watts that the generator can produce for a short period — usually about an hour or less. The continuous rating is somewhat lower than the maximum, but the generator can operate for extended periods at this output. Use the continuous rating when selecting a generator to meet your power needs.

Weight. The lighter the generator, the more places you can take it. Some models can be lifted by a single person. Others require two or more persons. Wheels can help move heavier generators on hard surfaces, but they are of limited value on soft or muddy ground. If you carry the generator on an apparatus, place it in a lower compartment and install a slide-out tray to facilitate its removal.

Run time. Generators with small fuel tanks can run out of gas in the middle of an incident. Most generators should have large enough tanks to provide two to three hours of run time at continuous loads. Some are designed to provide five to eight hours of operation. Departments that use generators during long-term incidents should consider selecting models with larger tanks and extended run times.

Transfer switches. Using a generator to provide power to a building usually requires a professionally installed transfer switch to safely disconnect the building from the power grid and connect it to the generator. Failure to do this can inadvertently sent power back through the outside power lines and potentially cause fires or electrocute someone.

Power cords. Distributing power from a generator requires heavy-duty power cords designed for outdoor use. Cord reels provide an easy way to store and unreel the cords. Junction boxes allow a single power cord to run several electrical devices. Always match the power cords and junction boxes to the generator output.

Noise. The constant roar of a generator can hinder communications at a busy incident scene and can add to the stress level of injured persons. Some generators are designed to produce very low noise levels. If possible, ask for a demonstration and judge the noise before you buy.

ISO Rating. The Insurance Services Office will give credit for a generator as part of a service or truck company's loose equipment. To gain full credit, the generator must be rated at a minimum of 2,500 watts and must be brought to every structure fire. Additional credit is available for a minimum of three 500-watt floodlights.

Maintenance. Generators need maintenance just like any other piece of equipment. When you purchase a generator, get the operation and maintenance manuals as well. Also determine the location of the closest parts and service center. Add the generator to your preventive maintenance schedule and keep a record of all inspections and work performed. Ensure the persons performing the maintenance are properly trained.

First Annual E-Plan User's Group Conference April 22-23, 2008



The First Annual E-Plan User's Group Conference will be held on **April 22-23, 2008** at The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas. The event will highlight best practices for hazardous chemical response and develop ongoing strategies to improve the E-Plan program. Early notification regarding the conference is to help you budget travel expenses 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 usually less than \$100 per night for UT Dallas events.

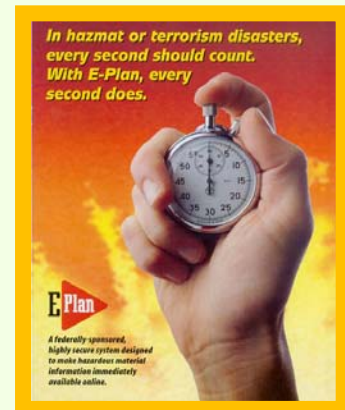
The conference will be 1 1/2 days in length so that travel home the second day can be arranged if desired.

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

Highly knowledgeable keynote speakers with hazardous chemical response experience are being planned to ensure an outstanding program.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- E-Plan Best Practices
- E-Plan Success Stories
- How are users utilizing E-Plan?
- Review how E-Plan's Online Tier II Submit works
- What new E-Plan features are needed?
- Demonstration of E-Plan (for new users)
- E-Plan electronic Bulletin Board demonstration
- Many other key aspects of E-Plan will be discussed



We need knowledgeable 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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- 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.



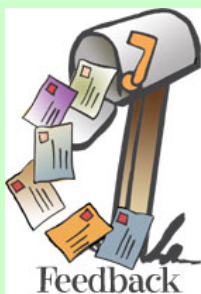
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Remember our troops fighting for our security and freedom!