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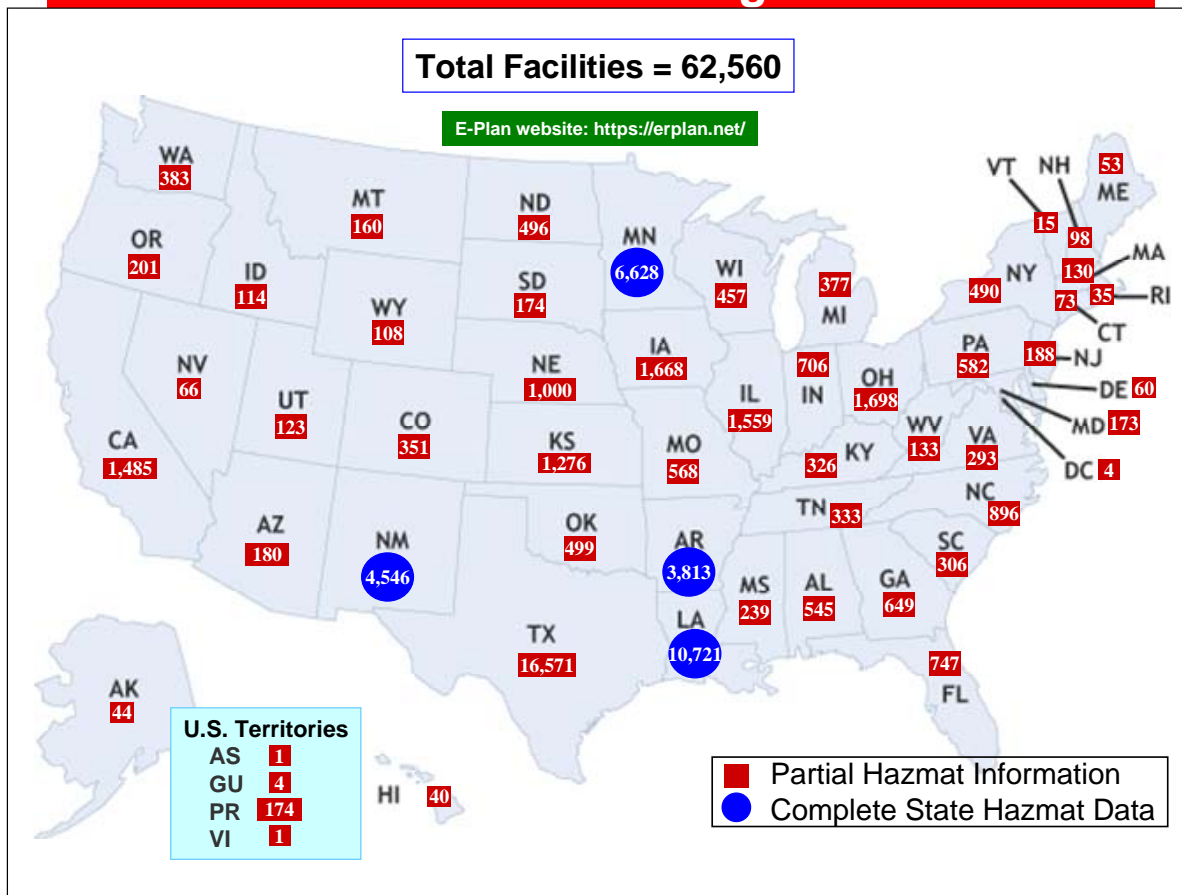
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Hello, E-Plan Users and friends,

This is your March, 2007 Newsletter to update you on E-Plan events and news across the country.



E-Plan has nationwide coverage in all 50 States.



❖ **Number of Unique Chemicals: 22,759**

❖ **Number of Registered Users: 1,467**

(E-Plan statistics as of February 28, 2007)

Did You Know?

The Virtual Terrorism Response Academy Ops-Plus for WMD Hazmat

Do you know how to protect yourself and your citizens if terrorists attack using weapons of mass destruction? The Virtual Terrorism Response Academy's first course is "Ops-Plus for WMD Hazmat." This interactive program offers fire, EMS and law-enforcement personnel more than 16 hours of practical, engaging training about CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive) threats.

"Ops-Plus" features multiple videogame-style simulations that put you in tactical terrorism-response scenarios. (There's an introductory level, so you don't need previous videogame experience.) The program also includes the Hazmat Learning Lab with extensive training at the latest NFPA 472's Operations level. Veteran hazmat trainers John Eversole, Greg Noll, Mike Callan and others review and expand upon responders' knowledge of PPE, instruments, rescue, triage, casualty care, and risk management. VTRA helps prepare responders for vital hands-on training, and it's a terrific tool for refresher training.



Dartmouth's award-winning Interactive Media Laboratory created "Ops-Plus for WMD Hazmat" for the Department of Homeland Security. Now you can train with top fire, police, EMS and FBI instructors anytime, anywhere. The program can be used individually or be instructor led, and it's designed to run on the older computers found in today's fire houses and police stations. It arrives on three CD-ROMs and installs smoothly on Windows 2000 and XP systems.

Individual copies of VTRA are available via the non-profit National Fire Protection Association for \$35 plus shipping and handling. To order, go to www.nfpa.org/catalog/ and enter "VTRA" in the upper-left-hand search field or use the direct link: <http://www.nfpa.org/catalog/product.asp?pid=RES26106>

**To inquire about quantity discounts, please send a note to timothy.elliott@dartmouth.edu and include "VTRA" in the subject line.

** For a closer, more detailed look at VTRA, go to <http://iml.dartmouth.edu/vtra/>

** One-page color promo sheet available as a PDF; please reply if you'd like to receive a copy.

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New Symbol Launched to Warn Public About Radiation Dangers **Supplementary Symbol Aims to Help Reduce Needless Deaths and Injuries**

15 February 2007 | With radiating waves, a skull and crossbones and a running person, a new ionizing radiation warning symbol is being introduced to supplement the traditional international symbol for radiation, the three cornered trefoil.

The new symbol is being launched today by the IAEA and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to help reduce needless deaths and serious injuries from accidental exposure to large radioactive sources. It will serve as a supplementary warning to the trefoil, which has no intuitive meaning and little recognition beyond those educated in its significance.



"I believe the international recognition of the specific expertise of both organizations will ensure that the new standard will be accepted and applied by governments and industry to improve the safety of nuclear applications, protection of people and the environment", said Ms. Eliana Amaral, Director, Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety, IAEA.

The new symbol is aimed at alerting anyone, anywhere to the potential dangers of being close to a large source of ionizing radiation, the result of a five-year project conducted in 11 countries around the world. The symbol was tested with different population groups - mixed ages, varying educational backgrounds, male and female - to ensure that its message of "danger- stay away" was crystal clear and understood by all.

"We can't teach the world about radiation," said Carolyn Mac Kenzie, an IAEA radiation specialist who helped develop the symbol, "but we can warn people about dangerous sources for the price of sticker."

The new symbol, developed by human factor experts, graphic artists, and radiation protection experts, was tested by the Gallup Institute on a total of 1 650 individuals in Brazil, Mexico, Morocco, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, China, India, Thailand, Poland, Ukraine and the United States.

The symbol is intended for IAEA Category 1, 2 and 3 sources defined as dangerous sources capable of death or serious injury, including food irradiators, teletherapy machines for cancer treatment and industrial radiography units. The symbol is to be placed on the device housing the source, as a warning not to dismantle the device or to get any closer. It will not be visible under normal use, only if someone attempts to disassemble the device. The symbol will not be located on building access doors, transportation packages or containers.

"The new ionizing radiation warning symbol (ISO 21482) is the latest successful result of long-standing cooperation between the IAEA and ISO. We encourage the symbol's rapid adoption by the international community," said ISO Secretary-General Alan Bryden.

Many source manufacturers plan to use the symbol on new large sources. Strategies to apply the symbol on existing large sources are being developed by the IAEA.

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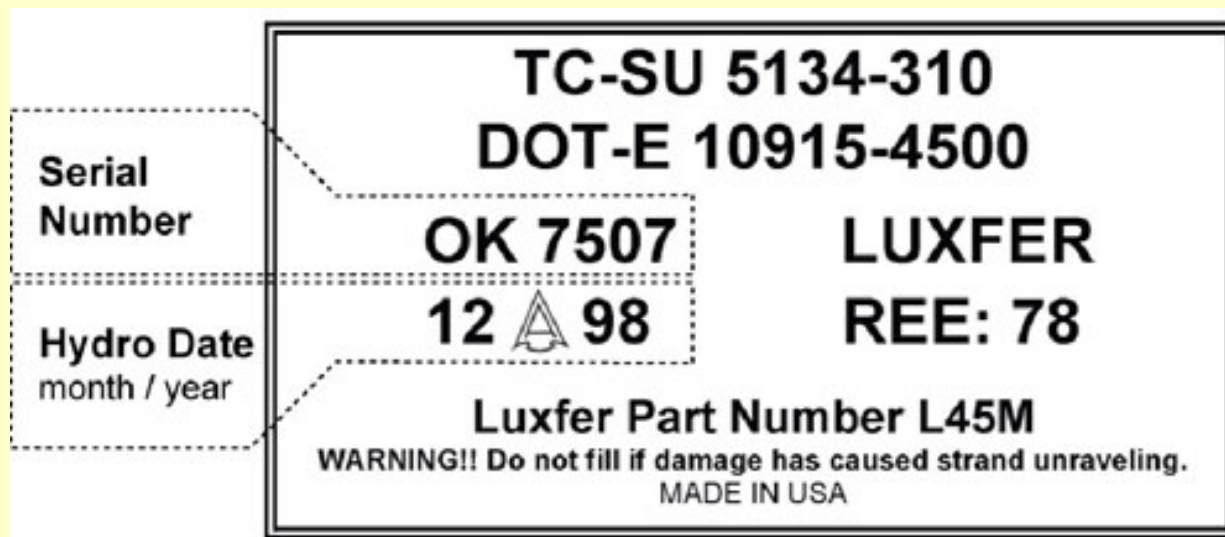
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Non-compliant SCBA cylinders must be tested to comply with DOT requirements

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (Dec. 14, 2006) — Arrowhead Industrial Services, a cylinder test and inspection company, is attempting to locate a limited number of composite SCBA cylinders that may not have been properly tested. These cylinders, manufactured by Luxfer, are labeled with hydrostatic test dates ranging from May 2005 through September 2005.



On May 1, 2006, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a safety notice concerning these cylinders and posted a serial number list and the following statement in the Federal Register: "A person with a listed cylinder should discontinue use of the cylinder and return it to Arrowhead... so that autofrettage and hydrostatic test can be completed before its next use." Transport Canada has also issued a similar statement concerning non-compliant SCBA cylinders being used in Canada.

If you own one or more of these cylinders, you are legally required to comply with these government requirements.

The serial numbers of all affected SCBA cylinders are also available electronically on the Internet at www.luxfercylinders.com/ctest in a special database that will automatically and quickly check your serial numbers for you and determine which cylinders, if any, require testing. Each affected cylinder must be removed from service immediately and sent in for testing.

If any of your SCBA cylinders need to be tested, please call this toll-free number: 1-800-355-3156. A customer service representative will arrange to have your cylinders tested and returned to you promptly at no charge.

If removing cylinders from service would create a hardship for you, the customer service representative can also arrange to provide loaner cylinders at no charge while your cylinders are being tested.

For more information on SCBA testing, see our June 19th release (<http://www.luxfercylinders.com/news/releases/20060619.shtml>) and our February 21st release (<http://www.luxfercylinders.com/news/releases/20060221.shtml>).

Source: <http://www.luxfercylinders.com/news/releases/20061214.shtml>

E-Plan Outreach

E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2007

- Hot Springs, AR LEPC on January 17, 2007 at Hot Springs Fire Department Headquarters
- Plano Fire Department and Collin County Fire Marshal on February 19-21, 2007 in Plano, TX

E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED

- North Carolina Emergency Managers Association Conference on March 3-5, 2007
- EMAT Preparedness and Response Symposium, Denton, TX April 2 – 4, 2007
- Midwest Hazardous Materials Conference in Northbrook, IL on May 4 & 5, 2007
- IAFC Hazmat Conference in Hunt Valley, MD on May 31 – June 3, 2007
- Greensboro/Guilford County, North Carolina LEPC Conference on October 4, 2007

E-Plan Best Practices

We began a new feature in the November, 2006 E-Plan Newsletter that we call “E-Plan Best Practices”. This feature includes the good experiences from First Responders all over the U.S. in using E-Plan for emergency response, pre-planning and training. This is our fifth “**E-Plan Best Practices**” and suggests how you can use the E-Plan “**Online Filing (Tier2)**” tool to your advantage.

E-Plan Tier II Report Filing

COMPANIES – Use E-Plan Online Tier2 Submit 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 Online Tier2 Submit. This is a good reason for you or your Fire Inspector to visit your local facilities, tell them about E-Plan Online Tier2 Submit, and look over your pre-plans.

E-Plan is offering managers with responsibility for filing Tier II Reports for a plant or facility 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 on E-Plan, enters their company Tier II data in a secure location that is ID and password protected. After the company enters their data into the E-Plan system, it can then create a set of Tier II zip files that can be written to CDs or printed in hard copy and filed with the appropriate state agency.

You can get started by going to the E-Plan website at <http://erplan.net/>. Click on the “E-Plan Online Filing (Tier2)” link on the left sidebar.

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’s CyberSecurity & Emergency Preparedness Institute.

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

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Cuddles the Poodle

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company.

One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that he's lost.. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says.

"Where's that darn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Moral of this story....

Don't mess with old guys...age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill! Baloney and brilliance only come with age and experience.

The Montana cowboy and the stranger

A Montana cowboy was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advances out of a dust cloud towards him.

The driver, a young man in a Bryony suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leans out the window and asks the cowboy: "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?"

The cowboy looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers:
"Sure, Why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite navigation system to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image

has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses a MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with e-mail on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and finally turns to the cowboy and says: "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says the cowboy.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on amused as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then the cowboy says to the young man: "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says: "Okay, why not?"

You're a U.S. Congressman," says the cowboy.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie. "But how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You tried to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about cows -- this is a herd of sheep.

"Now give me back my dog.

Forgot Your E-Plan User Account Password?

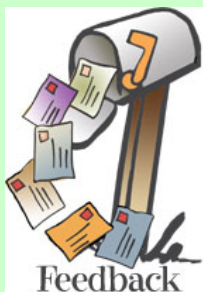


If you have an E-Plan account and have forgotten your password, please go to the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net>

- 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.

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Remember our troops fighting for our security and freedom!

