



E-PLAN NEWS

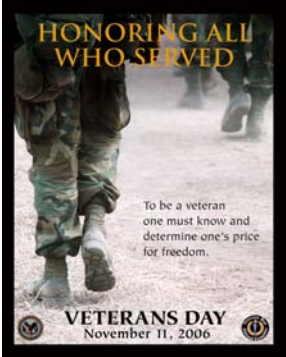
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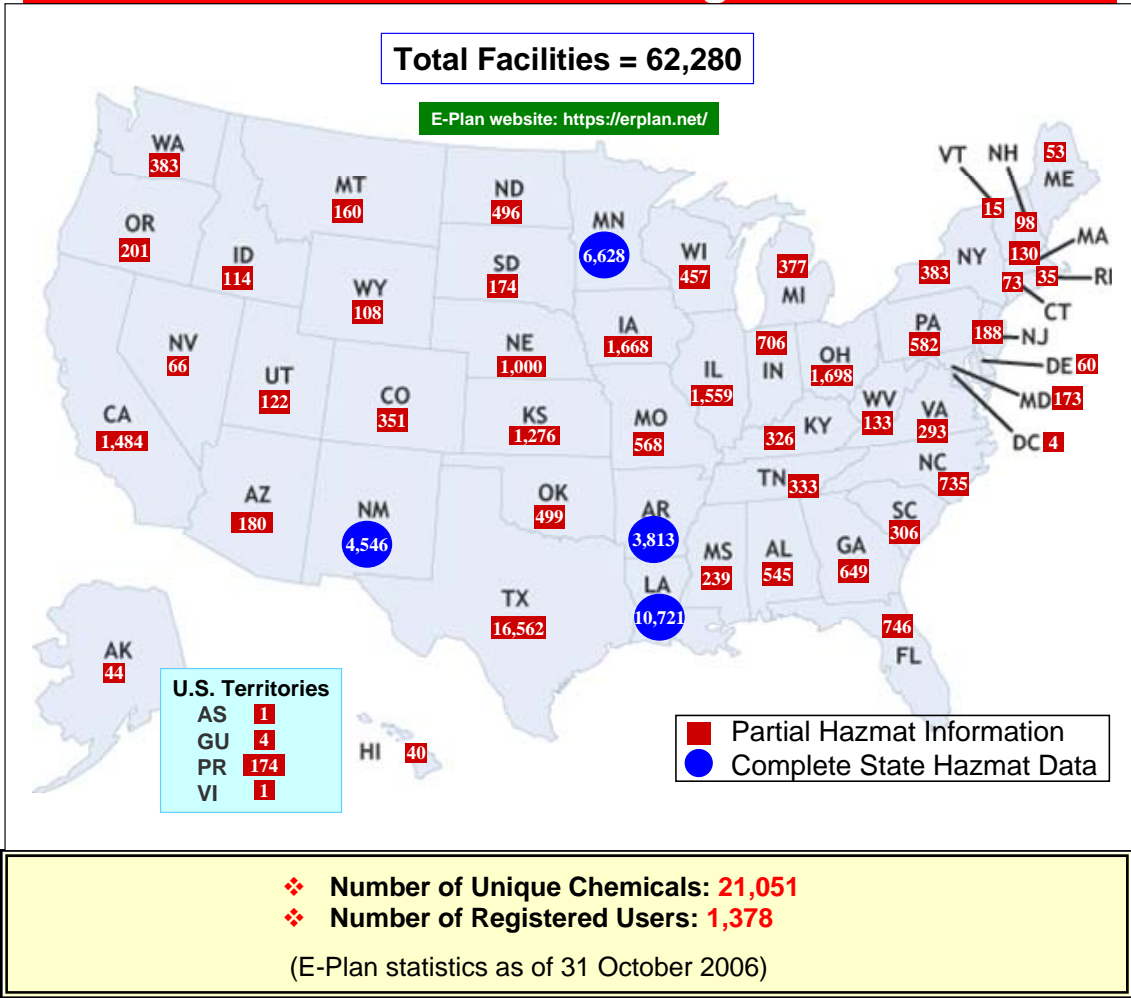
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Hello, E-Plan Users and friends,

This is your November, 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 Best Practices

We are beginning a new feature in the E-Plan Newsletter. "E-Plan Best Practices" will include the good experiences from First Responders all over the U.S. in using E-Plan for emergency response and pre-planning!

Our first "E-Plan Best Practice" is:

The Use of E-Plan 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 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 who can then 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's CyberSecurity & Emergency Preparedness Institute.

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By phone: 972-883-2631

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Forgot Your E-Plan User Account Password?



If you have an E-Plan account and have forgotten your password, go to the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> and click on "Forgot your password? Retrieve Password."

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

E-Plan Online Training and Registration

1. To register for an E-Plan account, go to the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> and click on the "Signup for Account" link in the Login screen.
2. To take the E-Plan online training, go to the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> and click on the "E-Plan Training and Registration" option on the left sidebar.



E-Plan Outreach

E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS IN OCTOBER

- Buffalo, New York – Train the Trainer October 4, 2006
- "Hotzone Conference" in Houston October 26 - 29, 2006. E-Plan will have a booth.

E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED

- EPA Region III in Valley Forge, PA – December 3-6, 2006

Did You Know

The U. S. Chemical Safety Board Reports that “Fires Could Have Been Prevented at Formosa's Point Comfort, Texas Facility”

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) issued its final report and recommendations regarding the October 8, 2005 fire and explosions at Formosa Plastics' Point Comfort, Texas facility. The accident occurred at the plant's Olefins II Unit, which converts natural gas liquids or naphtha to propylene and ethylene. A forklift towing a trailer loaded with breathing air cylinders used for maintenance, snagged a valve and pulled it out of the piping system. This caused the release of a large volume of propylene which ignited, creating a conflagration and explosion. The initial explosion knocked several operators to the ground and burned two men, one seriously.

CSB Board Member said, “This began with a seemingly minor event, in which a trailer bumped into a drain valve. But the incident had disastrous consequences, because the facility was not truly prepared for a large chemical release. If the Olefins II unit had been equipped with automated shutdown valves, the propylene flow, flow and ensuing conflagration could have been prevented. The operators were unable to reach manual valves to stop the release due to the presence of the growing vapor cloud.”

Lead Investigator, Robert Hall, reported that, “The fires and explosions at Point Comfort – which employs 1,400 full-time employees and 400 contractors – provide compelling reasons to analyze vulnerabilities that could lead to a major chemical accident.”

Based on the investigation, CSB recommended that Formosa Plastics' Point Comfort Plant revise its policies and procedures for analyzing hazards to include;

- a. Vehicle impact danger
- b. Fireproofing of structural steel
- c. Mechanisms for controlling chemical releases, such as remotely controlled isolation valves.
- d. Providing fire resistant clothing to workers exposed to the dangers of flash fires.

Kellogg, Brown and Root, the company that designed the facility, received a recommendation to use the most current safety standards – including standards for fireproofing – when designing new facilities.

The Center for Chemical process Safety was urged to strengthen their Hazards Evaluation Guidelines to include vehicle impact hazards and isolation of equipment during emergencies.

The CSB Safety Video, “Fire and Explosions at Formosa Plastics Corp.” can be downloaded at www.CSB.gov from the video room.

“Into the Fire”, a new documentary aired October 13 on The History Channel. This is a “Don't Miss” for First Responders

“Into the Fire” captures the exhilaration, heartbreak and joy of the self-proclaimed ‘ordinary people’ who have chosen this difficult and dangerous career, even as tightening budgets and increasing demands add to the challenges of the job,” according to reviewers. The film, featuring an introduction by actor Gary Sinise, premiered on Oct. 13 at 8 PM. EDT. There was a repeat airing of the documentary on Oct. 22 at 4 PM. EDT and **there will be other additional showings.**

“Into the Fire is a great vehicle to reinforce the messages we share during Fire Prevention Month with a national audience,” said Fire Chief Dennis L. Rubin of Atlanta Fire-Rescue. “Throughout October, firefighters across the country are focused on sharing fire safety messages. Our communities rarely get a glimpse of what it is like to be a firefighter — how we respond to a variety of emergencies from fires to car accidents to the violence plaguing our neighborhoods. This documentary raises important issues that affect the safety of many communities.”

In the documentary, Academy Award–winning documentary filmmaker Bill Couturie focuses on career and volunteer firefighters from across the country as they describe the daily trials and triumphs of the profession of fire fighting, from urban rescues to battles with massive forest fires. It also offers a rare glimpse of fire station camaraderie, detailing the humor and fierce loyalty shared by the men and women who routinely entrust their lives to one another. The film points out that despite great advances in technology, putting out fires still come down to human beings venturing into potentially lethal situations armed with a water hose.

New E-Plan launched in August, 2006

Your existing user name and password will work for the new E-Plan (<http://erplan.net>).

From a user standpoint, you will see an easier to use E-Plan. Check out the left hand sidebar and its more user friendly arrangement of links.

In "Chemical Search" you no longer have to input "UN=..." or "CAS=...". Just the number is sufficient.

Searching for chemicals and facilities is faster and easier. Each facility page is easier to navigate and find the information you need on each chemical. It is easier for you to find additional information on a facility, such as Google Maps, and facility-specific information, such as facility maps and emergency plans.

Note the top screen buttons for "Facility Information", "Contact Information", "Chemical Inventory", and "Additional Information". If the facility has added local building plans or emergency plans to E-Plan, you will find them under "Additional Information".

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Company Name	J.a.m.distributing Co.
Department	
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Location Description	
Number of Employees	0
Corporate Email	
Type of Facility	Tier2
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Check out the buttons for "Show Google Map", "Printer Friendly Version", "Download Tier2 Zip File", "Download XML", and "Download Tier II Report".



Please notify us if you find **any errors** in your area's data:

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E-Plan Online Tier2 Submit

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. The user then creates 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.

Welcome to Tier 2 Online Submit 2005

Tier2 Online Submit is a web based system that helps facilities electronically report Tier II information for Section 312 of the Emergency Planning Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA).

Facilities can find information about Federal Tier II requirements as well as individual State requirements at [EPA Tier II Webpage](#).

If you need help operating Tier2 Online Submit or if you need assistance submitting your Tier II information [Click here](#)

[Create a New Submission](#)

Access ID

Password

Login

Reset

Use the “**Contact Us**” button on the web site with your questions or comments.

Married Humor...

1. A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" Father replied, "I don't know, son, I'm still paying."
2. A young son asked, "Is it true, Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?" Dad replied, "That happens in every country, son."
3. Then there was a woman who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married, and by then, it was too late."
4. Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.
5. If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say -- talk in your sleep.

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Some people grow old gracefully, while others fight and scratch the whole way...

Andy's wife, refusing to give in to the looks of growing old, goes out and buys a new line of expensive cosmetics guaranteed to make her look years younger.

After a lengthy sitting before the mirror applying the "miracle" products, she asks her husband - "Darling, honestly, if you didn't know me, what age would you say I am?"

Looking over her carefully, Andy replied,... "Judging from your skin, *twenty*; your hair, *eighteen*; and your figure, *twenty five*."

"Oh, you flatterer!" she gushed. Just as she was about to tell Andy his reward, he stops her by saying...

"WHOA, hold on there sweetie!" Andy interrupted.
"I haven't added them up yet!"



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Remember our troops fighting for our security and freedom!

