



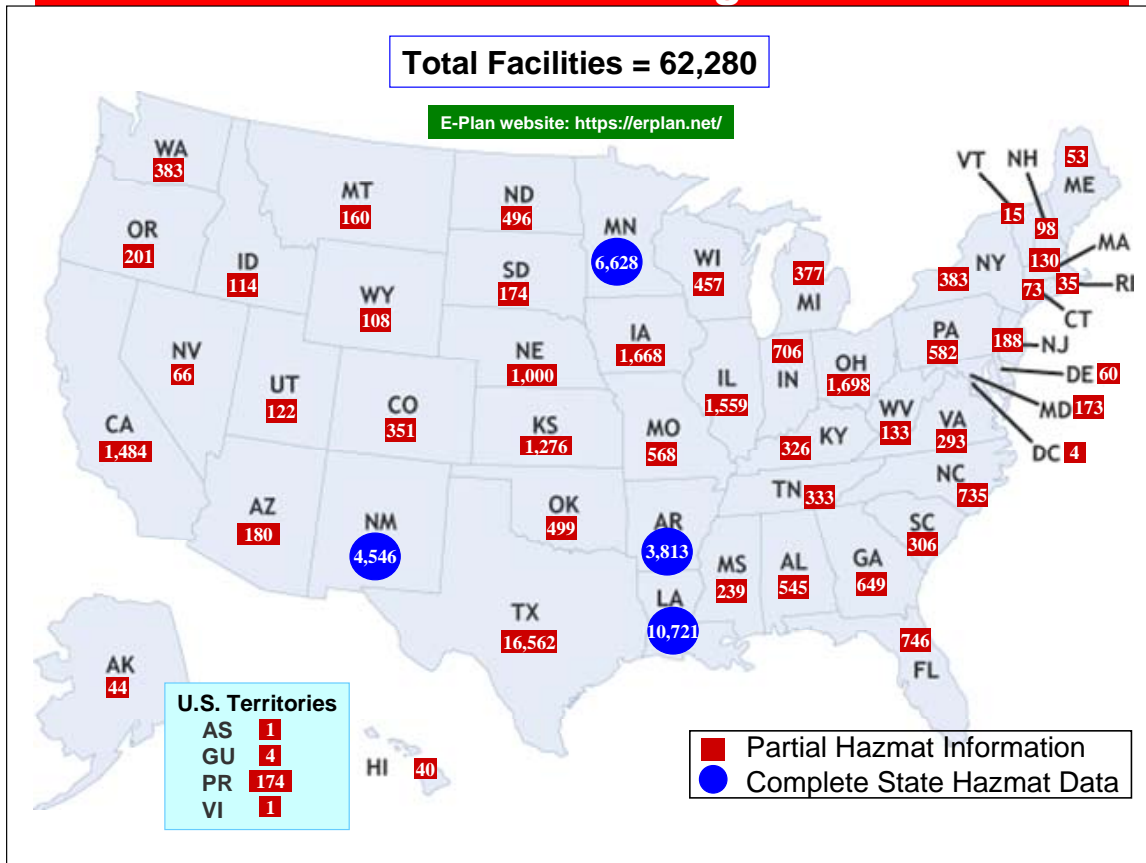
When every second counts...

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## Hello, E-Plan Users and friends,

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

### E-Plan has nationwide coverage in all 50 States.



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 held their **workshop on Risk Management Program (RMP) Implementation** at The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) on August 17, 2006. This free seminar was designed for RMP Regulated Facilities. This seminar will be held yearly.

Topics included were:

- EPA's current compliance activities
- What is EPA looking for during an inspection
- How to prepare for an Inspection
- How to handle RMP Chemicals
- Where we have come and Tools available

We wish to thank Elizabeth Rogers, Bob Goodfellow, Bill Andrews and Roger Cadenhead of the EPA Preparedness & Prevention Team, Region 6 for giving UTD the opportunity to host this event.

# 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 will be faster and easier. Each facility page will be easier to navigate and find the information you need on each chemical. It will be 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".

Check out the buttons for "Show Google Map", "Printer Friendly Version", "Download Tier2 Zip File", "Download XML", and "Download Tier II Report".

## Did You Know

### Firefighter Tops The List as the 'Most Prestigious Occupation'

Firefighter, doctor and nurse are viewed by U.S. adults as the most prestigious occupations an individual can have, while business executive, stockbroker and real estate agent are jobs at the opposite end of the spectrum, according to the 2006 Harris Poll measuring public perceptions of professions and occupations.

Six occupations are perceived to have "very great" prestige by at least half of all individuals polled: firefighter (63%), doctor (58%), nurse (55%), scientist (54%), teacher (52%) and military officer (51%). They are followed by police officer (43%) and priest/minister/clergyman (40%).

By way of contrast, the list includes nine occupations that are perceived by less than 20% of adults to have "very great" prestige, with one of these under 10%. The lowest ratings for "very great prestige" go to real estate broker (6%), stockbroker (11%), business executive (11%), actor (12%), union leader (12%), journalist (12%), banker (17%), accountant (17%) and entertainer (18%). Three occupations perceived by one-quarter or more of adults to have "hardly any prestige at all" are union leaders (25%), real estate brokers (32%) and actors (37%).

Harris Interactive has been asking about the prestige of different professions and occupations since 1977. Over the 29 years since then, there have been some interesting changes. The percentage of those who see teachers as having "very great" prestige has risen 23 points from 29% to 52%. The percentage of those who say lawyers have "very great" prestige has fallen 15 points from 36% to 21%. Two years ago, the profession of firefighter rose from 48% to 56% and this past year from 56% to the current 63%.

The poll was conducted by telephone within the United States between July 5 and 11, 2006, among a nationwide cross-section of more than 1,000 adults aged 18 and over.

### National Fire Prevention Week – October 8-14, 2006

National Fire Prevention week is coming up October 8-14. This year's theme is "Prevent Cooking Fires - Watch What You Heat". You can order supplies, videos and handouts (including complete Fire Prevention Week kits in a box for 100, 300 or 500 people) to promote this theme in your community by calling NFPA at 1-800-334-3555 or go on line to [www.nfpacatalog.org](http://www.nfpacatalog.org).

## 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".

There are two Accident Scenarios in the online Training module, based on real incidents. You can compare your response actions to these 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.

## Forgot Your E-Plan User Account Password?



If you have an E-Plan account and forgot 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 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/>. There may be two security alerts to get there. Say OK to the first one and Yes to the second one. The E-Plan homepage will appear. Ignore the login. Click on the “**E-Plan Online Filing (Tier2)**” link in the left sidebar. You may see another Security Alert. If so, click Yes. You have arrived at the Tier2 Online Welcome screen.

**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

If this is your first time to use the system, click on the ‘Create 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.

If you already have your Tier 2 data in zip files, you can simply upload the zip files to create your record in the system.

**IMPORTANT:** 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 your First Responders via the E-Plan system. Please keep the data current so that your First Responders will have the correct information when they need it.

## E-Plan Statistics and Outreach

### E-PLAN STATISTICS (as of August 31, 2006)

- ❖ Number of Facilities: **62,280**
- ❖ Number of Unique Chemicals: **21,051**
- ❖ Number of Registered Users: **1,307**

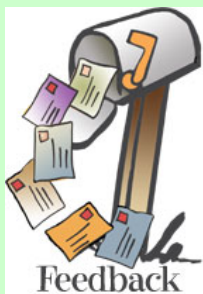
### E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS LAST MONTH

- Chemical Safety Hazards Investigation Board in Washington, D.C. – July 20, 2006
- North Carolina RRT and Hazmat Committee of the NC SERC in Raleigh, NC – July 20, 2006
- Department of Homeland Security - Washington, DC – July 21, 2006

### E-PLAN PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED

- Santa Fe, NM Emergency Managers and other selected personnel throughout New Mexico August 8, 2006 at the National Guard Training Center
- City of Austin Fire Department, September 12, 2006 in Austin, TX
- International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Fire-Rescue International Conference in Dallas, TX - September 14-16 - Hazmat Committee
- Virginia Hazardous Materials Conference on September 25-29 in Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Erie County, NY Train the Trainer session at the end of September, 2006
- Sherman, TX - Fire Chiefs and Emergency Managers in Grayson and Fannin counties

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[http://csepi.utdallas.edu/epc\\_center.htm](http://csepi.utdallas.edu/epc_center.htm)

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**Remember our troops fighting for our security and freedom!**