



When every second counts...

Hello, E-Plan™ Users and friends,

Here is the September, 2004 Newsletter to update you on E-Plan™ happenings and news in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and around the country.



This issue marks our First Year Anniversary of E-Plan™ Monthly Newsletter. So much exciting news and progress for E-Plan™ in the last 12 months.



UTD's Emergency Readiness Conference (ERC) August 9- 12, 2004:

Based on the responses of the attendees, organizers and speakers, the ERC will become an annual event!

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) hosted its first ever ERC 2004, to promote better coordination of emergency preparedness and homeland security activities.

It focused on aviation security, hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction, disaster medical management, and other issues such as multi-sector coordination, public/private partnering, the National Incident Management System, management strategies and the applications of communications and information technologies.

The keynote speaker was former FEMA Director James Lee Witt. Witt brings more than 25 years of experience in all aspects of crisis and disaster management. Other speakers at the Conference were Jay Kimbrough, Director, Texas Office of Homeland Security, Debbie Dietrich, Director, EPA Office of Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response, Chris Burgess, EPA Office of Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response, Mark Scott, retired CEO, National Institute for Chemical Studies, Diane Larson, Director, Responsible Care, Occidental Chemical Corporation, and Sam Johnson, U.S. Congressman from Texas.

The speakers and panelists brought their own unique insights and perspectives to this All Hazards Conference. Attendees were able to learn valuable lessons from the speakers, pick up new information from vendors and view state-of-the art Emergency Response Equipment from the DFW Airport Department of Public Safety, EPA Region 6, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, City of Richardson Fire Department, and the American Red Cross.

You can view the Conference's presentations at
http://som.utdallas.edu/erc/erc_presentation_slides.htm

More E-Plan™ Support and Use



Mark Oxley, Deputy Director of the Louisiana State Police says, “Louisiana has been enjoying the benefits of electronic management of facility data and hazardous materials inventories for several years. By linking E-Plan™ to our existing data management systems, we will be able to offer Louisiana fire fighters, State Police and other first responders a comprehensive system to access hazmat information on demand in seconds when it is needed most.”

Watch this Newsletter for further announcements about E-Plan™ training in Louisiana.

Emergency Preparedness and Response – Useful Links

(Most of these links can be accessed from the E-Plan™ homepage)

Web Sites	Site Name
http://www.nrt.org/production/nrt/home.nsf	U.S. National Response team (NRT)
http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?theme=51	U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS): Emergency Preparedness & Response Department
http://www.ready.gov/	DHS: Ready.Gov
http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): A Guide to Citizen Preparedness
http://www.epa.gov/ceppo/	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/	U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA): Emergency Preparedness and Response Page
http://www.bt.cdc.gov/	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Emergency Preparedness and Response
http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/	U.S. Department of Education: Emergency Planning
http://www.fda.gov/cder/drugprepare/	U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Drug Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism
http://www.us-cert.gov/	United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT)
http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/regulatory/emerg-resp.html	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Emergency Response
http://bookstore.gpo.gov/eresponse.html	U.S. Government Printing Office: Emergency Response Publications
http://www.usdoj.gov/ag/terrorismaftermath.html	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ): Emergency Planning
http://www.redcross.org	American Red Cross

E-PLAN™ TRAINING NEWS...

- ✓ **Total number of E-Plan™ Registered Users is now 539.**
- ✓ The Arkansas Department of Health completed E-Plan™ training on August 18, 2004 with 30 new Registered Users.
- ✓ Van Buren/Crawford County Arkansas LEPC was introduced to E-Plan™ on August 19, 2004 and is enthusiastically preparing for E-Plan™ training.
- ✓ Jack Stark introduced E-Plan™ to Wichita Falls, Texas Emergency Management personnel on August 26, 2004 and was enthusiastically received.
- ✓ E-Plan™ will be presented in Amarillo, Texas on December 14, 2004.

E-PLAN™ FEATURES UP-DATE...

- ✓ **We now have 6,536 facilities and 21,053 chemicals in the E-Plan™ Database.**
- ✓ **New Important Links on E-Plan™**
 - **Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Information.** You can get direct access to information on 17 Chemical Agents and 12 Biological Agents on E-Plan™. Go to the blue "Important Links" column on the left side of E-Plan™ homepage (<http://erplan.net>) and click on the "WMD Information" link.
 - **NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards.** You can access the 677 chemicals in the NIOSH database from E-Plan™. Go to the blue "Important Links" column on the left side of E-Plan™ homepage (<http://erplan.net>) and click on the "NIOSH Pocket Guide" link.

FEEDBACK...

- ❖ **Tell us what you think about E-Plan™** – We welcome all of your questions and suggestions about E-Plan™ System, E-Plan™ Website, and the E-Plan™ Newsletter.

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