



Hello, E-Plan Users and friends,

Here is your September/October 2005 Newsletter to update you on E-Plan events and news across the country.



E-Plan has gone nationwide in 44 States, District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories!

by adding EPA Risk Management Plan (RMP) data to the E-Plan database, E-Plan now has 44-state coverage with Tier II data and/or RMP data.

Hurricanes Katrina/Rita Response

The 2005 Katrina and Rita hurricane disasters created requests and needs for information over a wide-area, which was not initially supported by E-Plan. On request from EPA Washington headquarters, E-Plan and UTD responded immediately to provide the following functions on 5000+ facilities in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

- Facility latitude/longitude was calculated from its street address and displayed on aerial maps.
- An enhanced search function was added to allow First Responders to identify and display on a map all facilities with a specified chemical in specified counties/parishes.

E-Plan now supports wide-area disaster needs in addition to use by First Responders in “routine” chemical spills and incidents of localized extent, for identifying all hazmat materials at a single location. E-Plan has added recent satellite photos of the storm-damaged areas through the Google Map function for locating and tracking potential hazardous materials (hazmat) leaks and spills.

E-Plan data is also being used by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in identifying hazmat potentially encountered by health care workers as they re-establish presence in the disaster area.

E-Plan and UTD are actively supporting the First Responders over the coming weeks in identifying and recovering hazmat containers lessening the danger to First Responders and the Katrina/Rita impacted communities.

New Features in E-Plan...

Google Maps

Facilities do not need to load their own aerial photos or street maps into E-Plan as long as the facilities have a normal street address or the latitude and longitude of the facility.

When you go to a facility page, at the bottom, you may find a “Google Map” button. Click on the button and you get the choice of a satellite photo with your selected facility centered in the photo, or a street map with your facility centered on the map or a hybrid view of the satellite photo with street maps superimposed on the photo. You will also be able to zoom in and out with the +/- buttons in the upper left corner of the map and move the map around as you wish with the arrow buttons.

The “balloon” with the facility’s name in it can be erased by clicking on the “X” in the balloon.

Google Maps will work with any facility that has street address, but will not work for post office box addresses or township/section/range designations.

Coming soon will be additional overlay maps with schools, hospitals, shopping centers, waterworks, etc. We will keep you posted on this!

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”. It is the third button from the top in the blue left side bar on the E-Plan homepage.

To become an authorized E-Plan user, just follow the prompts to fill out the online “Account Request” and “New User Information” forms.

You can also take the online E-Plan training from this web page. Online training will take an hour or less. Be sure to use “toggle” function (as explained in the Online Training) of your computer to go back and forth from instructions to demonstration pages.

Printer friendly pages

If you have had any difficulty printing an E-Plan page and got off-centered pages with some text “lost” on the left or right margins, those days are gone. E-Plan now has an improved “printer friendly” format that will automatically center pages for you so that text is not lost on the margins.



If you have any problems with the E-Plan system and process, please contact The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) by e-mail at jenny.wall@utdallas.edu or by phone at 972-883-2631.

New Development in E-Plan...

E-PLAN/TIER 2 ON-LINE REPORTING MODULE – Pilot testing in progress

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) has developed a new web-based tool that will help facilities electronically report Tier II information for Section 312 of the Emergency Planning Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA).

This exclusive Tier 2 on-line reporting module allows facilities to report their chemical data in an online form that mimics the outline and format of the Tier II Chemical Inventory Form. Submitting a Tier 2 report through E-Plan/Tier 2 Online will generate a print ready Tier II report and submission receipt for the reporting facility and the option to download the Tier 2 Submit zip file for use with CAMEO.

E-PLAN TIP

Be sure to use the “Back” arrow button on the upper left corner of your computer screen to navigate between E-Plan pages and screens. If you hit the “X” button on the upper right corner of your computer screen, you may log out of E-Plan inadvertently and have to log back in to continue with E-Plan.

To review this tip, go to the E-Plan homepage at <http://erplan.net> and click on “E-Plan Training & Registration” button in the blue left hand side bar. Go to E-Plan Training to review proper use of the “Back Arrow” button.

E-PLAN STATISTICS (as of 9/30/2005)

- ❖ **Number of Facilities:** 48,203
- ❖ **Number of Unique Chemicals:** 21,053
- ❖ **Number of Registered Users:** 1,063



LOOK FOR AT THE ...

- **Hot Zone Conference**, October 13-16, 2005 in Houston, TX
(<http://www.hotzone.org/hotzone/default.htm>)
- **UTD Emergency Readiness Conference**, October 24-26, 2005 at the Plano Center in Plano, Texas
(<http://som.utdallas.edu/erc2005/>)
- **EPA Region III Hazmat Conference**, December 4-7, 2005 in Baltimore, MD
(<http://www.2005conference.org/>)

Forward your E-Plan success stories to us so we can share them with all First Responders!



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http://csepi.utdallas.edu/epc_center.htm

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