



Hello, E-Plan™ users,

Here is the November Newsletter to update you on E-Plan™ happenings and news in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and around the country.

RECENT E-PLAN™ TRAINING NEWS...

- ❖ **Total number of E-Plan™ Registered Users is now 386.**
 - Eighteen members of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) technical staff were trained and certified as E-Plan™ Registered Users on October 2, 2003 in Little Rock, AR.
- ❖ Arkansas TRANSCAER (TRANSpotation Community Awareness and Emergency Response) is providing E-Plan training throughout the state of Arkansas for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management. Arkansas TRANSCAER is a volunteer organization of transporters, spill responders, government agencies, Arkansas Environmental Federation, and manufacturers that deal with Hazardous Materials. This month, the TRANSCAER Board is developing the system to train First Responders in the State.

E-PLAN™ FEATURES UP-DATE...

- ❖ **We now have 4,705 facilities and 21,088 chemicals in the E-Plan™ Database.**
- ❖ E-Plan™ has “Show Detailed View” and “Show Normal View” buttons on a company’s opening page, just below the company contact information. If a company has submitted additional data to E-Plan™ such as tank locations or tank numbers, that information will be displayed here. Even if the company has not added such data to E-Plan™, there can be additional chemical data displayed in “Show Detailed View.”
- ❖ You can practice with E-Plan™ at the demo site by logging on at <http://erplan.net> Log on with the User ID of “Demo-IM” and use “training” as your password. Then type in a company name, “IGNO” or “ISSPEC” or “DISTILL” or a, c, e or i in the “Search” box and then hit “Enter”. You can practice using E-Plan™ with your home or office computer on these fictitious companies.

Even if you do not have a user name and password, you can use the **Demo Site** in the event of a transportation **emergency** to access information on a Hazardous Chemical. Log on to the Demo Site (as above) and go to the blue sidebar to the left of the screen. Click on the “Chemical Search” button. Now you can search for information on a hazardous material by name or UN number. If you use the UN number, be sure to use an “=” sign as in “UN=1203”, as explained in the directions on the screen. Don’t use a dash or a space, just the “=” sign.

LOOK FOR E-PLAN™ AT THE...

- **LEPC Conference** November 10-13, Houston, TX
 - **Clean Gulf Conference** November 19-20, New Orleans, LA
 - **International Spills Conference** May 6-10, 2004, San Antonio, TX
- ❖ Hope you were able to visit with us if you were at the October **HOT Zone** Conference in Houston. We look forward to seeing you at the LEPC Conference in Houston this month!

E-PLAN™ HELPFUL HINTS...

Encourage your local companies to put Emergency Plans, Risk Management Plans and facility/building maps on E-Plan™. If the companies have questions about security of such data, ask them to contact **Jim Staves**, Director of The University of Texas at Dallas's Emergency Preparedness Center at 972-883-2874. He will explain, in detail, how their data is protected.

NEW E-PLAN™ ENDORSEMENTS...

- The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management endorsed Arkansas TRANSCAER to train Arkansas First Responders in E-Plan™ use.
- We are also working with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Hazmat Committee to endorse E-Plan™ for all Firefighters and First Responders nationwide. A number of the improvements to E-Plan™ are the direct result of inputs from Chief Jan Dunbar, Sacramento, CA Fire Department and Hazmat Committee member. Chief Jan Dunbar is working out the details of endorsement at the direction of IAFC HAZMAT Chair, Chief John Eversole, and Chicago Fire Department.

FEEDBACK...

- ❖ **Success stories** – We want to publicize your E-Plan™ success! Send us how you use E-Plan™ or other E-Plan™ success stories or for inclusion in the future newsletters.
- ❖ **Tell us what you think about E-Plan™** – We welcome all of your questions and suggestions about E-Plan™ System, E-Plan™ Website, and E-Plan™ Newsletter.

Please forward your success stories, comments, questions, or suggestions to **Jenny Wall**.

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