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## E-Plan Update from the Executive Director

Recently, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that The University of Texas at Dallas was the successful bidder on a contract for a Chemical Sector Data Collection and National Chemical Hazard Materials Reference and Planning Tool. The contract award and its activities are very much in line with E-Plan in terms hazard materials data collection and availability. We anticipate this new chapter in our relationship with DHS will increase the number states providing SARA Title III data and enhance the reporting capabilities of E-Plan.

Along the lines of enhanced reporting capabilities, we are looking to E-Plan users to guide the future growth and use of E-Plan. On Tuesday, November 25, 2008 an E-Plan Users Conference is scheduled in Dallas, Texas (see conference details on page 2). We encourage all users to provide input and participate in the future development of E-Plan and sincerely hope that you can join us in this effort. If you are unable to attend the E-Plan Users Conference, but would like to participate in the planning and development, please contact us at [eplan@utdallas.edu](mailto:eplan@utdallas.edu).

E-Plan is a program with many uses from first responder needs to local, state and Federal disaster planning. This is a program that can only continue to be successful if it meets the needs of its diverse users. E-Plan is recognized as a critical nationwide program and our goals and objectives for E-Plan are set to guide future improvements to enhance system use and performance.

The agenda for the conference should be set by Monday, October 6, 2008 and will provide top speakers from local, state and federal levels. These speakers have great E-Plan experiences to share. Two full hours in the afternoon have been set aside so that you can discuss how to make the E-Plan Users Group an advisory body that can help ensure the future success of E-Plan. I look forward to seeing you in Dallas on Tuesday, November 25, 2008.

Best regards,  
Dr. E. Douglas Harris

### Special points of interest:

- ◆ November 25, 2008 **First Annual E-Plan Users Group Conference** at The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas. Click on the link below to view the agenda, announcement, registration, hotels, and directions. (<http://csepi.utdallas.edu/>)
- ◆ 2008 ERG Challenge! First responders may be interested in the free video at [www.2008erg.com](http://www.2008erg.com).
- ◆ October 5-11, 2008 — It's **Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires**
- ◆ **October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month**

## First Annual E-Plan Users Group Conference November 25, 2008

The First Annual E-Plan Users Group Conference will be held at The University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas. The event will highlight best practices for hazardous chemical response and develop ongoing strategies to improve the E-Plan program. Conference Registration fee will be \$30 per person to cover the costs for breakfast, breaks, lunch, and a networking reception. Great hotels in the Richardson, Texas area (Radisson, Renaissance, and Hyatt) are \$85 per night for UT Dallas events.

The conference will be one day in length so that travel home the same day can be arranged if desired.

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM: Registration

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Conference

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Reception

**We will be establishing our official “E-Plan Users Group” at this meeting. Please come prepared to run for office or nominate someone you know that would help elevate E-Plan. Also they would be one of the E-Plan Users Group advisors to E-Plan officials at The University of Texas at Dallas.**

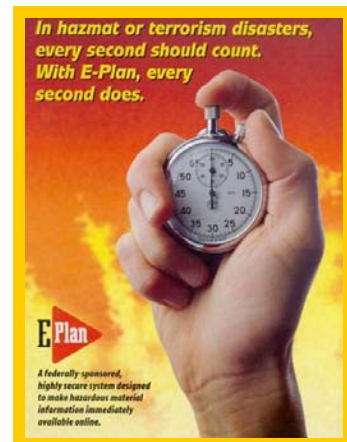
### **Agenda items include:**

- ◆ E-Plan Success Stories
- ◆ How Users Utilize E-Plan
- ◆ Demonstration of E-Plan (for New Users)
- ◆ Recommended E-Plan Enhancements from Users
- ◆ E-Plan User's Group Organization Meeting

**Knowledgeable E-Plan speakers and session leaders have been invited for this conference!**

If you have suggestions or questions regarding the meeting, please use **“Contact Us”** button on the E-Plan homepage at <https://erplan.net> or

- By E-mail: [eplan@utdallas.edu](mailto:eplan@utdallas.edu)
- By Phone: 972-883-2631
- By Fax: 972-883-4441
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CyberSecurity & Emergency Preparedness Institute  
Attn: E-Plan  
800 West Campbell Road, WT-11  
Richardson, TX 75080



## First Annual E-Plan Users Group Conference November 25, 2008

Click on the link below to open the Registration form in PDF format.

<http://csepi.utdallas.edu/2008EPlanUGCRegistrationFormPDF.pdf>

### REGISTRATION FORM

<b>Name</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Title</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Organization/ Company</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Address 1</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Address 2</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Work Phone</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Cell Phone</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Fax Number</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Email</b>	<input type="text"/>

**Conference Fee:** The conference fee of \$30.00 per person includes breakfast, breaks, lunch, and a networking reception.

- Method of Payment:  Cash  Check  Money Order
- Please make your check or money order payable to: The University of Texas at Dallas
- You can mail your check or money order to:  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
Attention: Jenny Wall  
800 W. Campbell Road MS WT-11  
Richardson, Texas 75080
- You can pay at the registration desk on the day of the Conference.

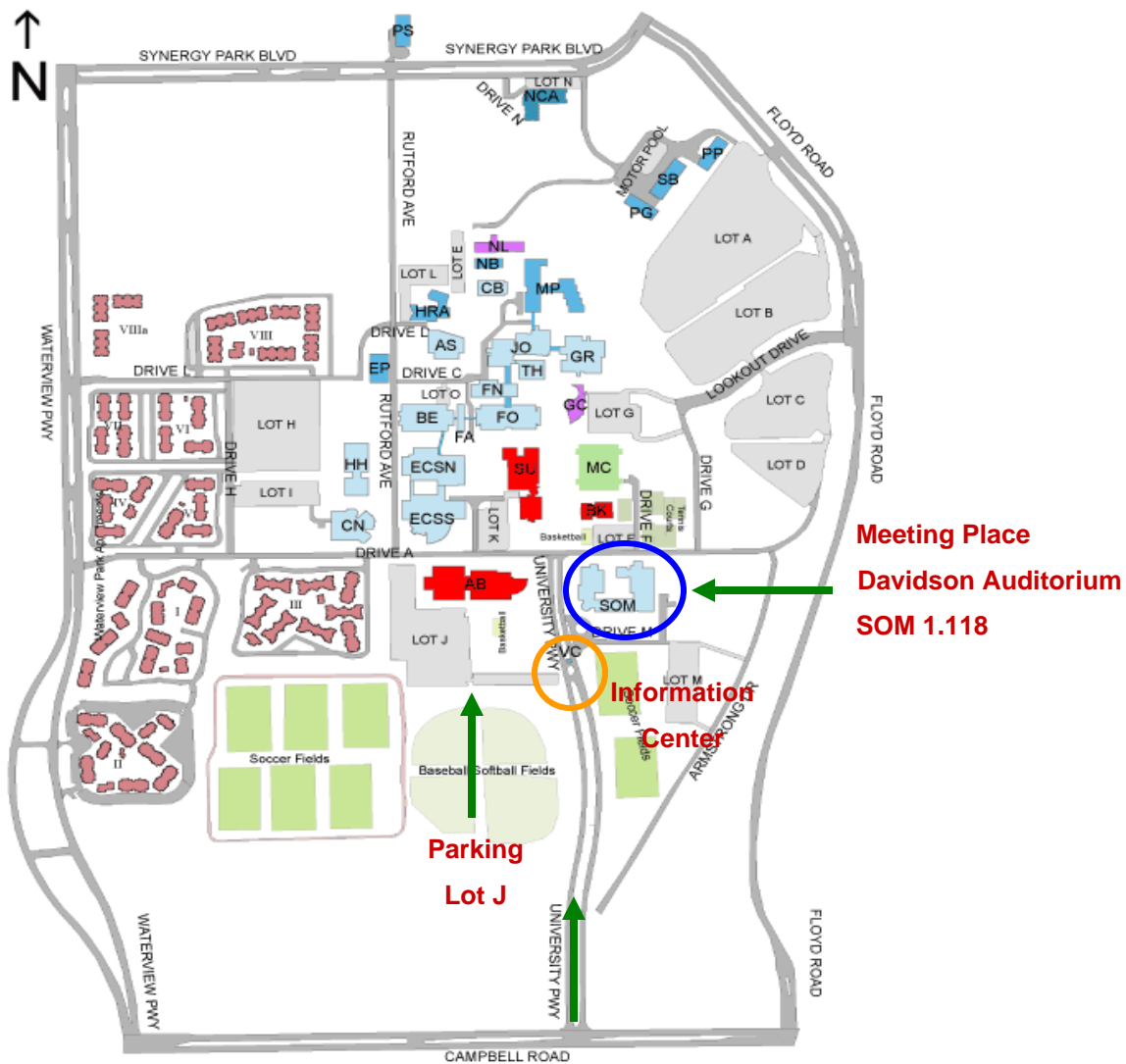
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### Event Parking Pass – Lot J on 11/25/2008

**(Do not park in Purple Area)**

The First Annual E-Plan User's Group Conference will be held at the Davidson Auditorium 1.118 in School of Management (circled in blue). You should enter campus via University Parkway (off Campbell Road) and must stop at the Information Center (circled in orange below) and identify yourself to get a temporary parking pass.

**Please print and leave this Parking Pass on your dashboard.**



Should you have questions or need additional information, please call Jenny Wall at 972-883-2631.

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### HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotels are about 26 miles from the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW). A taxi would cost approximately \$50.00. Hotel shuttle service may be available.

**Room rate is \$85.00 plus tax per night.** Notify hotel that you are registering with The University of Texas at Dallas E-Plan Users Group Conference.

**Reservation deadline: November 3, 2008.** After that date, reservations will be based on hotel availability.

#### **Radisson Hotel Dallas North – Richardson**

1981 N. Central Expressway  
Richardson, TX 75080  
(972) 644-4000 or (888) 201-1718

<http://www.radisson.com/richardsontx>



#### **Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel**

900 East Lookout Drive  
Richardson, TX 75082  
(972) 367-2000 or (800) 468-3571

<http://www.richardsonrenaissance.com>



#### **Hyatt Regency North Dallas**

701 E. Campbell Road  
Richardson, TX 75081  
(972) 231-9600 or (866) 593-6300

<http://northdallas.hyatt.com>

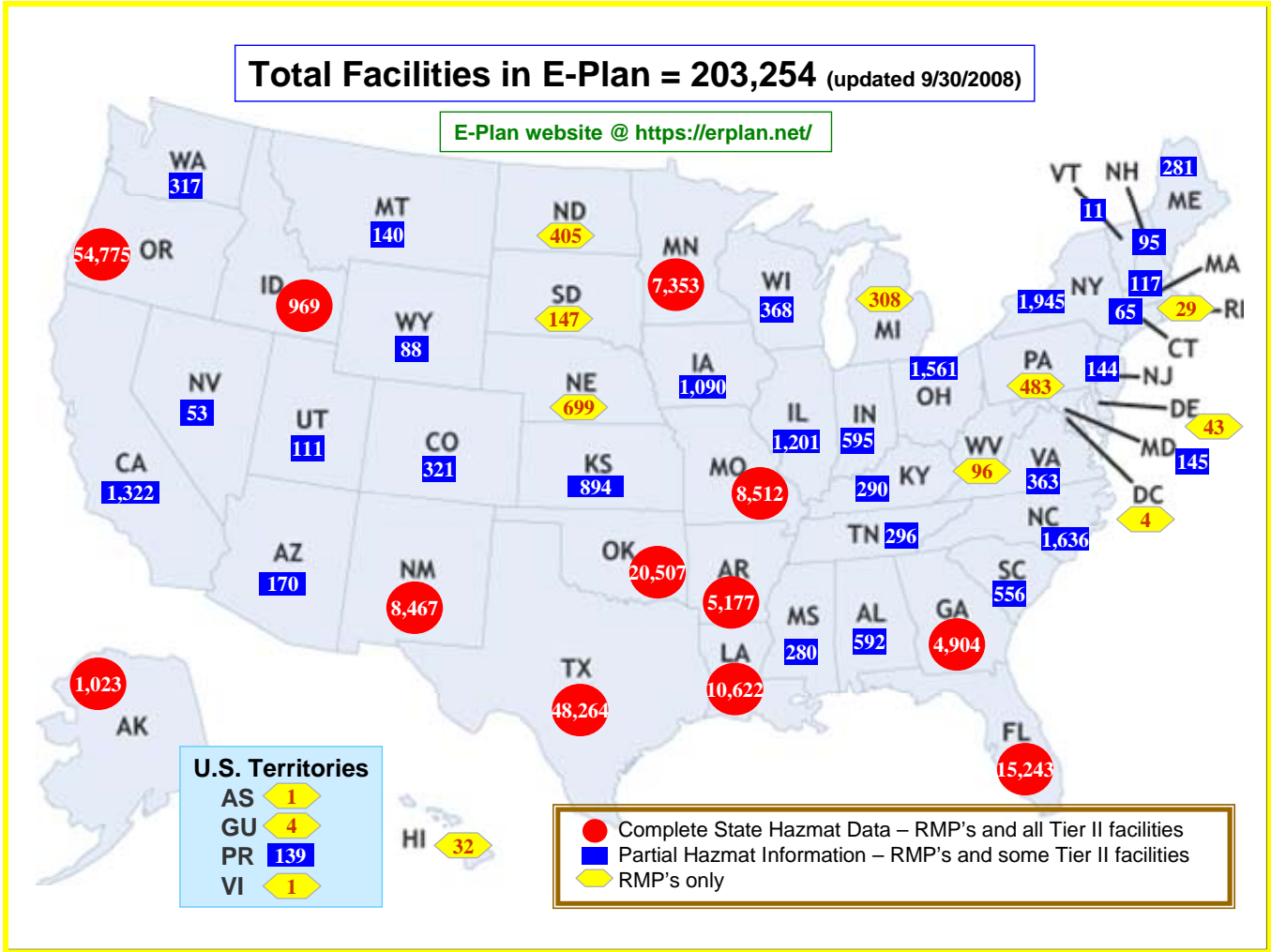


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## E-Plan Statistics (as of 9/30/2008)

- E-Plan coverage
  - ⇒ All EPA collected RMP facility data in 50 States and 4 U.S. Territories
  - ⇒ All Tier II facilities in 12 states (Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Texas)
  - ⇒ Some Tier II facilities in 29 other states
- Unique chemicals in E-Plan: 22,777

- E-Plan registered users: 2,292
- E-Plan presentations / training were held in Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington D.C.
- E-Plan website visits
  - ⇒ 2007: 16,440
  - ⇒ Jan-Sep 2008: 17,804





You can order your "Fire Prevention Week" materials directly from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

You can launch your local campaign with "Fire Prevention Week in a Box" for your local open house or school presentations. To order "Fire Prevention Week in a Box", contact NFPA at 1-800-344-3555 or <http://www.nfpa.org/catalog/>

## National Cyber Security Awareness Month

October has been designated as National Cyber Security Awareness Month to bring attention to the importance of protecting yourself, your family and your information online.

Every October, the [National Cyber Security Division](#) of Homeland Security coordinates with states, universities and the private sector to educate the public and provide tools to help them engage in safe online activities. Through education on cyber security, American will be empowered to protect themselves online and protect their computer from being used to attack others.

**By protecting yourself on the Internet, you also protect others.**

### **Partnerships are the Key to National Cyber Security Awareness Month**

Homeland Security has key awareness partners to help effectively educate all citizens. These partnerships make National Cyber Security Awareness Month happen by bringing multiple events and people to participate in this national event. These key partners are:

- The [National Cyber Security Alliance](#) (NCSA) focuses on home users, small businesses, kindergarten through high school plus university students.
- The [Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center](#) (MS-ISAC) focuses on state and local employees and helps them communicate about Cyber Security to the public.

Source: [http://www.dhs.gov/xprevprot/programs/gc\\_1158611596104.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xprevprot/programs/gc_1158611596104.shtm)

## *E-Plan Best Practices*

### *The Use of E-Plan for Fire Inspection*

Fire Department fire inspectors and fire marshals are downloading and printing a specific facility's Tier II report and/or RMP report from E-Plan (<https://erplan.net/>) 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. He can 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' CyberSecurity & Emergency Preparedness Institute.

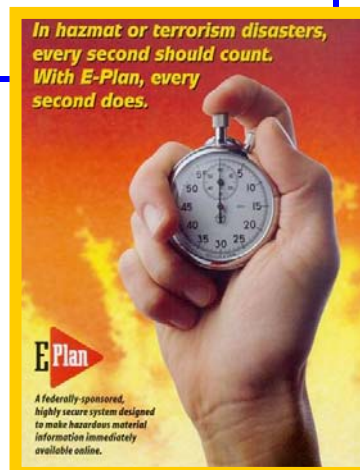
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#### About E-Plan

E-Plan is a proven system that provides first responders and others with on-site hazardous chemical information for facilities around the U.S. E-Plan is a web-based system that is very secure, easy to use, extremely fast and highly available. E-Plan also has a searchable chemical feature to be used in hazmat transportation incidents.

E-Plan's database contains fixed facility hazardous chemical information with an individual chemical search capability that can be used in transportation accidents. This database is the largest repository of its kind in the United States. It delivers the hazmat information anywhere that wired or wireless internet access is available. E-Plan's database has GIS and Google mapping capabilities, providing detailed information when every second counts.

**Best of all, this service is free of charge to first responders and state and federal users.**



## Contact Us



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