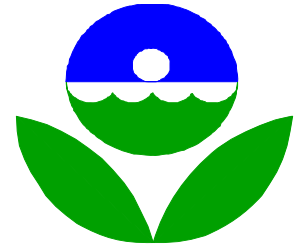


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Visit <http://www.nasttpo.org/> for information on the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO).

Visit <http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html> for more information on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and how it provides new information on industries.

Envirofacts (<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/index.html>) allows you to search for environmental information in your neighborhood.

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Region 4 Chemical Emergency Preparedness Conference

In Conjunction With

The Kentucky Governor's Emergency Management Conference

To Be Held In

Louisville, Kentucky

July 29—31, 2009

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EPCRA CHANGES

AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY PLANNING AND NOTIFICATION; EMERGENCY RELEASE NOTIFICATION AND HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL REPORTING. 40 CFR Parts 355 and 370. A fact sheet and a link to the Federal Register

MEET OUR STAFF

Deanne Grant is a new Federal Career Intern for the EPCRA Section. She is a native of Philadelphia, PA and is new to the Atlanta area. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a B.A. and M.S. in Environmental Science with a specialization in Atmospheric Sciences. Her thesis focused on tropospheric ozone transport during storms in western Africa. Between degrees (2004-2006), Deanne served as a volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps in Jamaica. Her service included conducting environmental education workshops and planning environmental events for the community. Prior to joining the EPA, Deanne worked for a private environmental consulting company as a Research Scientist. At this position she was responsible for monitoring and performing statistical analyses of fugitive dust emissions from loaded coal trains. Deanne is excited about becoming part of the EPCRA section and is hopeful that she will gain extensive experience in the area of enforcement.

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS FOR THE 2009 CONFERENCE!

We've begun planning for next year's conference and want to hear from **you!!** Tell us what **you** want the conference to include! Do you want formal lectures or do you prefer more open discussions? Short one-hour sessions or half (or full) day classes? What topics do you want the conference to address? Let us know what you want; contact one of the State Liaisons listed on page 12 and let them know what you want our conference to address! As more information becomes available we will be notifying all newsletter recipients.

EPCRA STAFF ATTENDS REGION 3 EPCRA CONFERENCE

The EES sent two staff members to the EPA Region 3 Emergency Preparedness and Prevention & Hazmat Spills Conference held in the Richmond Convention Center, Richmond, VA on October 26-29, 2008.

In addition to a full agenda of workshops, the conference also offered a series of intensive training courses ranging between one-half day to two and one-half days duration. Topics ranged from EPCRA Reporting to Spill Response to Anti-Terrorist Response to Emergency Planning. Several sessions were identified that we might consider incorporating into our conference agenda next year.

Attendees and conference participants came from a wide range of governmental organizations and private sector entities. All Region 3 states were represented as well as several Regions 4 and 5 states. More than 50 Exhibitors from a wide range of industry and government had booths.

Region 4's Lead-Acid Battery Initiative for Tier II Reporting was picked up by Region 3 and our brochure was modified with Region 3 contact information.

Final Amendments to EPCRA Regulations

EPA finalized several changes to the Emergency Planning (Section 302), Emergency Release Notification (Section 304) and Hazardous Chemical Reporting (Sections 311 and 312) regulations that were proposed on June 8, 1998 (63 FR 31268). These changes include clarification on how to report hazardous chemicals in mixtures, and changes to Tier I and Tier II forms. Additionally, the rules now use a question and answer format. Facilities subject to EPCRA reporting, State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and fire departments should become familiar with the new regulation.

Factsheet: [Amendments to Emergency Planning and Notification; Emergency Release Notification and Hazardous Chemical Reporting. 40 CFR Parts 355 and 370 \(PDF\)](#) (1 pp, 31K, [About PDF](#)) (see next page for text of this Factsheet)

Regulation: [Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act; Amendments to Emergency Planning and Notification; Emergency Release Notification and Hazardous Chemical Reporting, Final Rule](#)

This final rule is effective on December 3, 2008.

EPCRA FACTS

AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY PLANNING AND NOTIFICATION; EMERGENCY RELEASE NOTIFICATION AND HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL REPORTING. 40 CFR Parts 355 and 370.

On October 17th, 2008, EPA finalized several changes to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) regulations (40 CFR Parts 355 and 370). These changes were proposed on June 8, 1998 (63 FR 31268). Facilities subject to these regulations, State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and fire departments should become familiar with the new regulation.

All sections of 40 CFR Parts 355 and 370 will be in plain language, using a question and answer format.

There are only minor changes to the emergency planning and emergency release notification sections. For hazardous chemical reporting regulations, there are changes regarding the Tier I and Tier II forms, as well as changes in how to report hazardous chemicals in a mixture.

Tier I and Tier II Forms

- The Tier I and Tier II forms and their instructions have been removed from the code of federal regulations (CFR). They may now be found on EPA's Web site: www.epa.gov/emergencies.
- The revised regulation includes a description of the requirements for Tier I and Tier II. Facilities are now required to report their North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code on the Tier I or Tier II form.
- Also, the chemical or common name of the chemical as provided on the Material Safety Data Sheet must be provided on the Tier II form.

EPA encourages facilities to contact their State to determine whether any additional requirements or formats are required by the State.

Hazardous Chemical Inventory Reporting for Chemicals in Mixtures

- When determining whether the threshold quantity of an **extremely hazardous substance (EHS)** has been met, facilities must include the total quantity of that EHS present in the pure form as well as in any mixture, even if any mixture including the EHS is also being reported as a hazardous chemical.
- For hazardous chemicals that are mixtures and do **not** contain any **extremely hazardous substance**, facilities have an option when determining whether the threshold quantity is present: (1) add together the quantity present in its pure form and as a component in all mixtures (even if the mixture is also being reported as a hazardous chemical), **or** (2) consider the total quantity of each mixture separately.

Where can I go for more information?

- Consult our Web site: www.epa.gov/emergencies.
- Sign up for our list serve to receive periodic updates: www.epa.gov/emergencies/newsroom.htm#listservs
- Call the Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, RMP, and Oil Information Center: 800-424-9346 or 703-412-9810; TDD 800-553-7672 or 702-412-3323.

Region 4 Chemical Emergency Preparedness Conference

In Conjunction With

The Kentucky Governor's Emergency Management Conference

WHAT: The USEPA Region 4's annual conference for chemical emergency planning and preparedness.

WHERE: Louisville, Kentucky

WHEN: July 29—31, 2009

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

State and local government chemical emergency planners, Emergency Responders, Chemical Industry EH&S personnel and production managers, Transportation Industry (Air, Truck and Rail).

PROPOSED TOPICS:

EPCRA, TRI, RMP and SPCC reporting requirements

Spill reporting: EPCRA, CERCLA and OPA

E-Plan: What it is, what it does, how to use it

CAMEO: Train-the-Trainer (includes short session on Tier 2 Submit

LEPC Panel Discussion(s)

OSC Panel Discussion(s) (R-3, R-4 and R-5 OSCs)

DHS's CFATS vs. EPCRA Reporting

HazMat Transport by Rail

Clandestine Drug Labs

Reactive Chemical Hazards

Nanotechnology and other emerging technologies

**LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT THE CONFERENCE TO BE ABOUT!
CONTACT YOUR STATE LIAISON* WITH YOUR IDEAS FOR CONFERENCE TOPICS!**

Happenings around the Region

GEORGIA

What a Success! The 15th annual Georgia Safety, Health and Environmental Conference had record attendance and a record number of exhibitors October 7-9 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel in Savannah. Even with the current economic problems, employers from as far away as Oregon traveled to Savannah to take advantage of the best opportunity to learn about issues dealing with, not only safety, health and the environmental, but for those involving human resources, workers' compensation, risk management, industrial hygiene and transportation.

Every company and every family is really having to buckle down and watch every penny, so we were very pleased to be able to produce a quality event at a very reasonable cost. With the support and involvement of such well known companies as Home Depot, Coca-Cola, Southwire, Briggs and Stratton, Delta Air Lines, and Constangy, Brooks and Smith LLC, and with associations such as the American Society of Safety Engineers, we can keep costs to individual attendees at an absolute minimum. We have other lesser known sponsors, but even though they are lesser known, they are in no way insignificant.

Through donations of services and door prizes, we can provide not only a great conference, but a very successful Kids' Chance Silent Auction. This year's auction added over \$10,000 to the Kids' Chance treasury.

We are deeply grateful for all contributions of money, gifts, services and man and woman power. With only five Department of Labor employees working the conference, our advisory board members, who are now busy planning next year's conference, are instrumental in making the conference run smoothly and effectively. Their hard work is very much appreciated.

Our speakers, who volunteer their time and talent, are the key to all educational and training opportunities we are able to provide. We are very appreciative of all our speakers and trainers. Even after travel restrictions were imposed, we only had one of over seventy speakers who had to cancel. That is commitment which should be recognized as outstanding.

Our exhibitors provided information and services which will, can and does enhance each attendee's job performance and provide their employees with a much safer and healthier work environment. The exhibition hall is an integral part of the conference and we appreciate each one. Some come back year after year. One of our long time exhibitors paid us a great compliment when she said our attendees and staff are so cordial and everyone is so memorable it's like coming to a family reunion.

The audio-visual professional's of CCR Events make the conference come alive with stage productions and a compatible learning atmosphere. They make the rest of us "look really good" by anticipating and correcting our mistakes before we make them. How neat is that?

The hotel staff, as usual, did an outstanding job. We always receive so many compliments on our lunches. The Executive Chef is an Albany, GA native and he and his staff really go to great efforts to provide the best service and quality. We cannot pay enough well deserved compliments to our hosts at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront.

Thank you to all who participated and attended. We hope all Project Safe Georgia members will be able to join us next year. Please plan your time and budgets early. We will return to Savannah, October 20-22, 2009 and our theme will be "Catch the Spirit." You won't believe what we are planning for next year! I will keep you informed.

www.georgiaconference.org

Happenings around the Region

NORTH CAROLINA

INVITING NON-TRADITIONAL SPEAKERS TO ALL-HAZARD LEPC MEETINGS

With the continued migration of many LEPCs from solely pertaining to hazardous materials into an All-Hazards focus, considering whom to invite to attend and address the Committee can be onerous and perplexing at times.

We have had good success with identifying speakers who are present in the community, and would engage with LEPC members during large events, but not necessarily during routine situations.

A case in point is our most recent speaker from the United States Postal Inspection Service. The gentleman addressed our Committee on safe mailroom practices, how the postal service handles white powder incidents, and issues with identify theft and mailroom theft.

Our future speaker plans include railroad police, State Bureau of Investigation, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), a Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials safety manager, and a specialist with the North Carolina Department of Air Quality.

In April, our county's LEPC joined with Guilford and Wake County LEPCs (comprising the cities of Greensboro and Raleigh) to hold a nanomaterial safety and response seminar to examine the hazards of a loss of containment of these extremely small materials. We were pleased to have Mr. Poole attend.

In summation, there are many opportunities to enlist speaker support for discussion of unusual but possible situations. Incorporating representatives from those agencies that would be called to assist with large incidents into the LEPC activities is an excellent way to build rapport before the unthinkable does occur.

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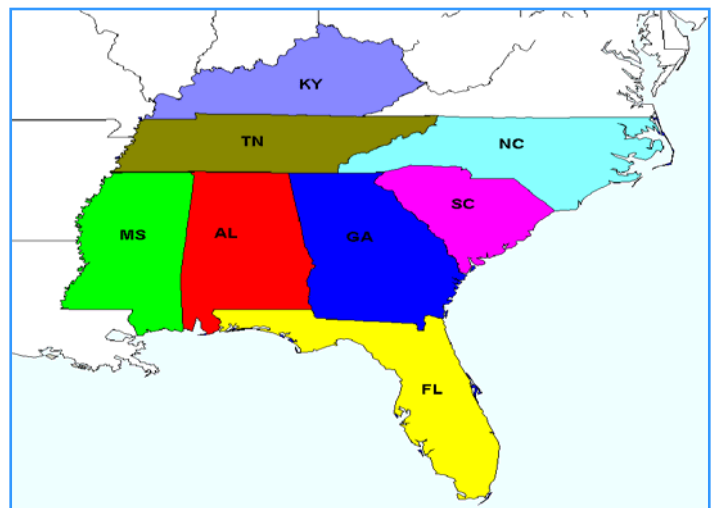
Do you have a story to tell?

We'd like to know about it. Please send information about activities that you have been involved in, training, good practices, etc. . . We appreciate what you do and want to let others know.

Provide your input to:

r4epcranewsletter@epa.gov

WE'RE WAITING!



Happenings around the Region

KENTUCKY

Over 1800 people from the Calvert City community turned out on Tuesday, November 18, for the 2008 Good Neighbor Night at the Calvert City Elementary School. For twenty years, the annual Good Neighbor Night has provided the public an opportunity to meet face to face with representatives of local industrial plants and ask questions concerning their operations.

This year's Good Neighbor Night, hosted by the local Community Advisory Team (CAT), not only featured environmental and operating information on plants located in the Calvert City area, but also provided disaster and emergency information sponsored by the Marshall County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The OEM director and a panel of public health, law enforcement and plant officials were available to answer questions and discuss issues related to local emergency preparedness and response. LEPC/DES assisted with parking at the event and the local Calvert City Fire Department and police assisted by directing traffic.

At the event, community members asked plant representatives and emergency professionals about environmental, health and safety issues, as well as other concerns. Wally Wise Guy was present to help promote the Shelter-in-Place concept that has been a major theme at recent Good Neighbor Night events.

This community event was sponsored by twelve of the industrial facilities operating in Calvert City: Arkema Inc, Air Products, Brenntag Mid-South, Celanese, AES (American Environmental Services), Evonick Degussa Industries, ISP Chemicals, Lubrizol, The Carbide Industries LLC, Waste Path Sanitary Landfill, LLC., Wacker Polymers and Westlake Group.

Thanks to Mr. James Bell, Director of Public Affairs, ARKEMA for this article.

SOUTH CAROLINA

ON October 16, the Roche Carolina Inc. pharmaceutical facility in Florence, South Carolina conducted a full scale functional emergency drill simulating a chemical release and fire in one of the site's chemical operations. Over 90 people including RCI emergency response/crisis management team personnel along with representatives from the Windy Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Howe Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Florence City Fire Department, Florence Co. Emergency Management, Florence Co. EMS and the Florence Co. Regional C.O.B.R.A. (Hazmat) team were directly involved in the exercise. The primary objectives for the drill were to evaluate the capabilities and effectiveness of response plans for RCI Emergency Response and Crisis Management Teams and to evaluate a large scale coordinated emergency response between RCI and outside agencies utilizing a Unified Command" approach.

The exercise was also designed to serve as a test of various elements of the Florence Co. L.E.P.C. Emergency Response Plan. In addition the expected challenges presented to fire, hazmat and medical emergency response personnel, the Crisis Management Team was presented with numerous opportunities to test their plan. Among other things, the Team had to assess the impact of the emergency on site personnel, operations, and the surrounding community and prepare statements relating to the incident to corporate management, the public, media and other external sources. They also had to deal with some surprise visits from some concerned local citizens" and representative from State Regulatory agencies. While the exercise was compressed into a 3 ½ hour time frame, all of the participants got an excellent appreciation of how physically and mentally taxing an emergency event of this magnitude would pose, and the resources, equipment and coordination needed to mitigate the emergency. A critique of the drill with all of the participating agencies was conducted immediately after the exercise. As expected, the exercise presented many learning opportunities and there were some areas where it was clearly evident that improvements were needed. However, the overall assessment of the drill was extremely positive and the general consensus was that the primary objectives for the drill were achieved. It was also agreed that that the exercise helped to strengthen the relationship between RCI and external emergency response agencies. A special thanks goes out to all personnel involved in the planning, preparation and execution of the drill.

About RCI - Roche Carolina Inc.'s mission is to develop the chemical manufacturing technology for new chemical compounds and to manufacture pharmaceutical intermediates and active ingredients for research purposes and commercial sales. Roche Carolina Inc. is part of the Roche Group, headquartered in Basel, Switzerland. For more information on RCI, visit the company's website at www.rochecarolina.com.

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Happenings around the Region

MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

25 MISSISSIPPI COUNTIES AWARDED \$101,250 IN PREPAREDNESS GRANTS

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack announced today that Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grants would be awarded to 25 counties. The grants will assist each county with emergency preparedness, response and public education about hazardous materials within their community.

"Hazardous materials as well as natural disasters pose a significant risk to every county in the state," said Director Womack. "These generous grants will help counties continue the work they are doing to reduce potential hazards and educate their residents."

Chickasaw	\$3,000	Lee	\$2,500	Tunica	\$3,050
Copiah	\$1,500	Lowndes	\$4,600	Warren	\$5,500
Desoto	\$5,700	Marion/Jeff Davis	\$2,000	Wayne	\$5,850
Forrest	\$1,500	Panola	\$2,500	Wilkinson	\$8,000
Itawamba	\$3,000	Pontotoc	\$5,250	Yazoo	\$7,200
Jefferson	\$1,300	Rankin	\$4,250	Total	\$85,250
Lauderdale	\$1,750	Scott	\$5,500		
Lawrence	\$4,750	Tallahatchie	\$6,550		

Enhancement Scholarships of \$4,000 each was awarded to one county in the four Congressional Districts to assist in the re-establishing of Active LEPCs. Those recipients are:

District 1-Webster County
 District 2-Madison County
 District 3-MS Band of Choctaw Indians
 District 4-George County

The funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant program, and coordinated through MEMA - Office of Preparedness - Plans Bureau.

TENNESSEE

The **Tennessee Emergency Management Agency** recently added new communication capabilities with seven personnel earning Federal Communications Commission licenses to become amateur radio operators. This will allow them to assist TEMA by providing emergency communications during times that a disaster knocks out phone lines and other land based communication systems. "Amateur radio operators, also known as HAMS, provide a when-all-else-fails method of communication," said Hank Koebler, chief of Operations for TEMA. "In the wake of Katrina, amateur radio provided some of the only communications with hard-hit counties in Mississippi for several days." The personnel put in several weeks of time to study FCC rules, equipment safety, electronic theory, radio wave propagation, radio operations, and emergency communications in order to gain their amateur radio call-signs. This group joins the 12 other licensed amateur radio operators personnel that TEMA has previously built up. With this addition, Tennessee has an expanded emergency operational capacity to deal with a significant catastrophic event, such as a major earthquake on the New Madrid Fault.

PROCESS SAFETY CORNER

(A PLACE FOR RMP-RELATED NEWS)

Management of Change is a critical aspect of process safety and covers changes in process technology and changes to equipment and instrumentation. Changes in process technology can result from changes in production rates, raw materials, experimentation, equipment unavailability, new equipment, new product development, change in catalyst and changes in operating conditions to improve yield or quality. Equipment changes include among others change in materials of construction, equipment specifications, piping prearrangements, experimental equipment, computer program revisions and changes in alarms and interlocks. Employers need to establish means and methods to detect both technical changes and mechanical changes. Employers may wish to develop a form or clearance sheet to facilitate the processing of changes through the management of change procedures. A typical change form may include a description and the purpose of the change, the technical basis for the change, safety and health considerations, documentation of changes for the operating procedures, maintenance procedures, inspection and testing, P&IDs, electrical classification, training and communications, pre-startup inspection, duration if a temporary change, approvals and authorization.

Where the impact of the change is minor and well understood, a check list reviewed by an authorized person with proper communication to others who are affected may be sufficient. However, for a more complex or significant design change, a hazard evaluation procedure with approvals by operations, maintenance, and safety departments may be appropriate. Changes in documents such as P&IDs, raw materials, operating procedures, mechanical integrity programs, electrical classifications, etc., need to be noted so that these revisions can be made permanent when the drawings and procedure manuals are updated. Copies of process changes need to be kept in an accessible location to ensure that design changes are available to operating personnel.

Temporary changes have caused a number of catastrophes over the years, and employers need to establish ways to detect temporary changes as well as those that are permanent. It is important that a time limit for temporary changes be established and monitored since, without control, these changes may tend to become permanent. Temporary changes are subject to the management of change procedures. Management of change procedures are used to insure that the equipment and procedures are returned to their original or designed conditions at the end of the temporary change. Proper documentation and review of these changes is invaluable in assuring that the safety and health considerations are being incorporated into the operating procedures and the process.

New Risk Management Plan (RMP) Electronic Submittal Scheduled for April 2009

You will submit RMPs online via EPA's secure website which manages thousands of data submissions from states and industry.

You will use RMP*eSubmit, which will be available in early 2009.

Online reporting simplifies the process. It saves you time, and improves data quality and security.

EPA uses industry-standard technology, including encryption used by most commercial banks, as well as stringent user ID and password protocols to protect your information.

You will be able to access your RMP online at anytime.

In June 2009, we estimate that approximately 8,000 RMP facilities are due for the five-year update of their Risk Management Plans.

How Can I Access RMP*eSubmit?

If you have submitted an RMP previously, you will receive a letter from EPA with directions regarding how to resubmit your RMP online. You do not need to contact the EPA RMP Reporting Center at this time.

If you are submitting an RMP for the first time, you will find instructions on www.epa.gov/emergencies.

How Do I Know When I Need To Resubmit My RMP?

RMPs must be fully updated and resubmitted at least every five years. Under certain circumstances, RMPs must be updated and resubmitted before their five-year anniversary (see 40 CFR §68.190(b)).

Your five-year anniversary date is listed in our notification letter which was sent to you after you submitted your last RMP.

Are There Any Other Requirements Besides Resubmitting My RMP?

In addition to updating your facility's RMP at least every five years or when other specified update circumstances occur, the rule also requires you to perform other recurring activities to ensure that your risk management program is current. These activities include, among other things, providing employee refresher training, performing compliance audits, and updating your safety information, hazard review (or process hazards analysis), operating procedures, and offsite consequence analysis.

Where Do I Go For More Information?

<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/rmp> will be updated as new information becomes available.

You can also sign up for our list serve to receive periodic updates: www.epa.gov/emergencies/newsroom.htm#listservs.

E-PLAN NEWS

WHAT IS E-PLAN?

"E-Plan is - The Nation's Largest Database of Chemical and Facility Hazards Data with over 90,000 facilities and 22,000 unique chemicals.

It is free, simple and easy for First Responders and State and Federal users to use.

E-Plan is a proven system that provides First Responder and others with on-site hazardous chemical information for facilities around the United States. It utilizes emergency contact and hazardous material information submitted under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and sends it via the Internet to First Responders just when they need it the most.

E-Plan provides Tier II reporting data and other important information instantly such as

Maps of the area surrounding a fixed facility showing schools and hospitals and other Tier II reporting facilities,

Chemical Hazards Response Information System (CHRIS) data,

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS),

Chemical profiles,

Facility Emergency Response Plans,

Federal Area Contingency Plans, and

Chemical data from Risk Management Plans (RMPs).

It has nationwide coverage in all 50 States and four U.S. territories.

In emergency situations, the E-Plan system can make the difference between life and death for First Responders and victims of the emergency. E-Plan has been enthusiastically embraced by fire fighters and hazmat response teams, nationwide wherever it has been introduced. Without E-Plan, this information is currently available only in paper form and retrieving this information from a file storage room during an emergency is a difficult, lengthy process if even possible at all. Instant access to the critical hazmat information provided by E-Plan makes it an invaluable tool for First Responders." (Source: E-Plan Home Page (<https://erplan.net/eplan/login.htm>))

Other features of E-Plan

E-Plan was developed through a cooperative agreement between USEPA and the University of Texas at Dallas with input from local, state, and federal agencies of the Region 6 Response Team.

E-Plan is funded by the Department of Homeland Security through an Interagency Agreement with the EPA and is available without charge to users.

Contains RMP facility data and Tier 2 records.

Data sources: NFPA, DOT-ERG, MSDS, NIOSH and CHRIS.

Interoperable with Tier 2 Submit and CAMEO.

Security features include: Individual User IDs and Passwords, Local or State User Authorization, Role-based permission levels, Secure physical location, Firewalls, and 128k encryption.

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E-Plan Users Conference Notes

Region 4 EPCRA staff attended the First Annual E-Plan Users Conference in Richardson, Texas on November 25, 2008. The conference, organized by the University of Texas – Dallas (UTD) and EPA Region 6, was intended to be primarily a networking opportunity for E-Plan users. The E-Plan hazardous chemical database was developed collaboratively by UTD and EPA R6 and is now funded by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Attendees included approximately 45 UTD, EPA, DHS, state and local emergency planning and response officials, and several industrial users.

Prof. Doug Harris, UTD, delivered the opening and closing remarks. Greg Carnevale, DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection, presented the keynote address.

Other presentations included:

- E-Plan use for rapid reconnaissance following hurricane Ike. Presentation by Jim Staves, EPA Region 6;
- E-Plan success stories in Corpus Christi, TX. Presentation by Chief Mike Hernandez, Corpus Christi FD;
- International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Support of E-Plan. Presentation by Chief Tim Butters, IAFC Hazmat Committee Chairman;
- Best Practices: New York's efforts to implement E-Plan. Presentation by Stephanie Burgess – Schneider Electric, LEPC Chair, Erie County, NY;
- North Carolina decision to adopt E-Plan. Presentation by Randolph Harrison, NC Division of Emergency Management; and,
- E-Plan for fire inspection and pre-planning (The use of E-Plan in IAFC's National Hazmat Fusion Center). Presentation by Chief Phil Hamilton, Plano FD.

Ways to improve E-Plan were discussed in a Users' Group organizational meeting. Prof. Harris offered \$50,000 in discretionary funds for the implementation of such ideas.

For more information please contact Vinson Poole at 404-562-9186 (-9163 {fax}) or email at poole.vinson@epa.gov

CAMEO LIBRARY ON-LINE

We're pleased to announce the release of CAMEO Chemicals -- an easier-to-use version of the most popular components of the CAMEO program. Find it online at

<http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/>.

The website provides access to the same CAMEO database of over 6,000 hazardous materials. The revised search engine is much faster and the new search results ranking makes finding your chemicals more straightforward. The CAMEO Chemicals datasheets

contain most of the same information you are used to seeing in CAMEO, but in an easier-to-read layout. Also, the website makes it simpler to mix chemicals and read reactivity hazard predictions. Best of all, you don't have to download or install anything, and you can bookmark frequently referenced datasheets.

Please help us get the word out by sharing the CAMEO Chemicals URL with your response and planning colleagues.



(Sacramento, Calif.) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received the annual Innovation and Technology Award on Sept. 5 from the 2007 Continuing Challenge HazMat Emergency Response Workshop held in Sacramento. The award to the CAMEO Team at NOAA and EPA was for the development and promotion of the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations software commonly called by its acronym, CAMEO.

The CAMEO Team was nominated for the award by Deputy Fire Marshal Kevin Smith of the Chino Valley Fire District in Calif.

CAMEO f m 2008 COURSES

CAMEO is offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), National Integration Center (NIC), Training and Exercise Integration (TEI). Please access TEI's website at, http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/training_catalog.htm for their training opportunities.

CAMEO LISTSERVE

The CAMEO News Service is a one-way list serve which serves as a communication tool for CAMEO managers and developers to communicate important information to the CAMEO community.

Communications from the CAMEO team will provide users with an up-to-date status on various aspects of the CAMEO/MARPLOT/ALOHA software, such as updates, "bug" notification and quick fixes.

If you would like to subscribe to the CAMEO News Service and stay up to date on what's happening in CAMEO, send an email to join-cameo@lists.epa.gov.

Also, be sure and check the CAMEO website often for guided tours of the programs, FAQ and technical support.

www.epa.gov/ceppo/cameo

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