



**Homeland  
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Dear E-Plan User:

We take great pleasure in announcing an exciting new Partner to the E-Plan team. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is working in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support, enhance, and deliver E-Plan. DHS is currently providing funding for E-Plan and in the near future will assume responsibility for overall program management. EPA will continue its role as an advisor and support the partnership with marketing efforts.

Our partnership will create a strong supporting framework that is committed to growing and developing E-Plan as a dynamic and essential no-cost tool. Both DHS and EPA find E-Plan to be valuable in protecting our Nation's infrastructure. Providing current and accurate information to local, state, and Federal partners whose mission is to protect our Nation is DHS's primary goal, and will be coordinated with EPA's outreach, support and training to promote the implementation of E-Plan.

The first step in achieving DHS's primary goal is to increase the quantity and quality of records available by working with State Officials and National Associations. No immediate changes to the system are planned, but we hope to consider improvements to the system's ease of use by adding new and enhancing existing features. Both DHS and EPA value the E-Plan user's input and ask you send any suggestions for improvement to [greg.carnevale@dhs.gov](mailto:greg.carnevale@dhs.gov).

As E-Plan continues to grow we do not anticipate any technological issues, but as a good practice we recommend you back-up existing facility data and book mark any useful open source links found on the E-Plan website. Additionally, you can always contact E-Plan for system support at 972-883-2631 or [contactus@rt.erplan.net](mailto:contactus@rt.erplan.net). Questions or concerns about the DHS/EPA partnership can be sent to Jim Staves of EPA at 214-665-7433 or [staves.james@epa.gov](mailto:staves.james@epa.gov), or Greg Carnevale of DHS at 703-235-2856 or [greg.carnevale@dhs.gov](mailto:greg.carnevale@dhs.gov).

As we enter into 2008 we remain committed to working with you in providing emergency responders with the information they need to do their jobs safely. We are looking forward to another year of supporting our E-Plan customers and are very excited about making our new partnership work toward advancements and improvements.

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