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Dear University of Texas at Dallas E-Plan Users, Tier II Submitters and Supporters:

In reference to Dr. E. Douglas Harris’s letters dated May 3, 2013, the University of Texas at Dallas (UT Dallas) is pleased to inform you that the E-Plan program will remain active. To continue to pay for this critical system in the absence of federal funding, states and Tier II organizations will be supporting this program.

In the case that a state cannot financially support E-Plan, UT Dallas will institute an administrative charge for facilities that choose to upload Tier II data into E-Plan for first responders use. If you have questions regarding the E-Plan status for your state, please contact your state E-Plan administrator for further information.

UT Dallas will maintain the E-Plan operation and collect, coordinate, and make available via the E-Plan portal SARA Title III “Tier II” data collected in partnership with the state Tier II administrations, county Local Emergency Planning Committees, local fire departments, and Tier II organizations. In addition, UT Dallas will collect all available chemical facility data to include:

1) EPA Risk Management Plan (RMP) data
2) Security and evacuation plans
3) UN/Department of Transportation (UN/DOT) numbers
4) National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) diamond codes
5) Material safety data sheets (MSDS)
6) Applicable chemical profiles
7) U.S. Coast Guard CHRIS data

The UT Dallas team consisting of faculty researchers, full-time professional staff members, and graduate research assistants will continue to deliver on our important mission: to save lives and minimize property damage to critical infrastructure facilities.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Bao Tran at (972) 883-2870 or via email at btt021000@utdallas.edu.

Sincerely,

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