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Mr. Jim Staves
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Dear Mr. Staves,

The Greater Houston Local Emergency Planning Committee is very interested in serving as the Beat-Test for the EPA's Electronic Plan to better utilize emergency response information. We are willing to serve as the "executive agent" for the greater Houston area—significant in that it is the largest petrochemical complex in the United States.

Implementation of the E-Plan in this region will streamline information acquisition for emergency responders from the fire service, law enforcement, and federal and state agencies typically found at hazardous materials response operations.

We have met with key local officials, including the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Fire Chiefs of the Cities of Houston and Bellaire, as well as the Harris County Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator. All recognize the system's value and are fully supportive of implementing this critical response tool in the greater Houston area. In addition, our systems management personnel are very excited about implementing the E-Plan.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (713) 928-6711 or the LEPC Administrator, Lieutenant Joe Leonard, USCG at (832) 541-7349.

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