M	**MAJOR INCIDENT**	**Has a major incident been declared? (Yes/No – If 'No', then complete ETHANE message)**	*Include the date and time of any declaration.*
E	**EXACT LOCATION**	**What is the exact location or geographical area of the incident?**	*Be as precise as possible, using a system that will be understood by all responders.*
T	**TYPE OF INCIDENT**	**What kind of incident is it?**	*For example, flooding, fire, utility failure or disease outbreak.*
H	**HAZARDS**	**What hazards or potential hazards can be identified?**	*Consider the likelihood of a hazard and the potential severity of any impact.*
A	**ACCESS**	**What are the best routes for access and egress?**	*Include information on inaccessible routes and rendezvous points {RVPs}. Remember that services need to be able to leave the scene as well as access it.*
N	**NUMBER OF CASUALTIES**	**How many casualties are there, and what condition are they in?**	*Use an agreed classification system such as PI; P2; P3 and dead.*
E	**EMERGENCY SERVICES**	**Which, and how many, emergency responder assets and personnel are required or are already on-scene?**	*Consider whether the assets of wider emergency responders, such as local authorities or the voluntary sector, may be required.*