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Large Energy Provider Improves Chemical Inventory Compliance Rate to 97% with SDS and Chemical Management Solutions from SafeTec

HSI Products: SafeTec SDS Management System

Challenge: A large utility provider became dissatisfied with the shortcomings of its previous chemical management structure. They sought a more effective and compliance-driven solution which could also integrate with the company's existing systems, manage its compliance data and create customizable chemical labels.

Why It Matters: After introducing a suite of SafeTec solutions, an audit revealed that the utility provider scored an astonishing 97% compliance rate across the entirety of the organization.

Solution: SafeTec was engaged by an energy company that controls approximately 19,000 megawatts of electrical generating capacity in the United States. Although the utility provider was already using a technology-based system for its chemical and safety data sheet (SDS) management, that system was proving burdensome and ineffective at maintaining a compliance level sufficient for satisfying regulations.

Beyond improving the utility provider's compliance performance, a new solution would also need the capacity to integrate with the company's existing systems and corporate processes. Additionally, the utility provider required a system that could centrally-manage its compliance data and create OSHA- and GHS-compliant, customizable secondary labels for chemical containers.



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After evaluating a variety of chemical management vendors, the company settled on SafeTec, determining that its fully integrated chemical management system would represent the best solution for meeting the utility provider's needs.

As a first project phase, SafeTec conducted a comprehensive on-site chemical inventory audit of the provider's facilities, revealing a compliance rate of 25%. Taking immediate action on the inventory results, the company worked quickly and efficiently in cooperation with SafeTec to acquire the necessary documentation to resolve this compliance gap.

SafeTec subsequently implemented a new SDS management system along with Monitoring Services to ensure that the utility provider's SDS library would remain accurate on a go-forward basis. OSHA- and GHS-compliant secondary container labeling and an automated material approval process were also employed, successfully tightening oversight of chemicals entering the utility provider's facilities.

Following the introduction of these solutions, the utility provider was audited, with the results reflecting a 97% compliance rate across the organization.

SafeTec first met the utility provider's integration needs through a flat-file application, establishing an information exchange by integrating with the company's Asset Suite interface. After the integration, SafeTec's Application Program Interface (API) was implemented to replace the flat-file integration, which eliminated the manual activity associated with the initial integration and greatly improved SafeTec's ability to service the company.

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