Case Study

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Powering Productivity: How Two of the Southwest's Largest Utilities Rely on SafeTec for Chemical Management and Compliance

HSI Products: SafeTec SDS Management System and the Reports & Analysis Hub.

Challenge: Two of the Southwest's largest utility providers used long-established methods for complying with Texas Tier II reporting requirements, and both had strong incentives to streamline their current reporting process.
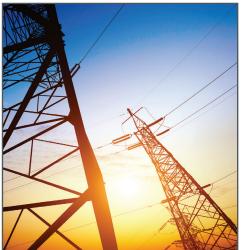
Why It Matters: By employing SafeTec's environmental reporting tools, these large utility providers achieved greater accuracy and significant time savings in their Tier II reporting processes.

Solution: During a buyout, two of the Southwest's largest utility providers were formed, although each continued to operate and be governed as separate and independent companies. Both companies used long-established methods for complying with Texas Tier II reporting requirements, which mandate that companies provide detailed information on chemicals that meet or exceed specified reporting thresholds at any given point on an annual basis.

One utility provider, with a large chemical footprint, owns numerous potentially reportable chemical products, while the other – although holding a relatively smaller chemical portfolio – has multiple locations (approximately 2,000 facilities).

With strong incentives present at both companies to streamline the Tier II reporting processes, both utility providers retained SafeTec to manage all associated reporting requirements. Utilizing automated chemical inventory management software which draws up-to-date information from global regulatory agencies and safety data sheet (SDS) databases, SafeTec transferred all relevant reporting chemical data into digitized formats. This data was then imported directly into Texas Tier II Submits, generating specific reports for every facility.

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SafeTec's environmental reporting tools represented major overhauls to both companies' Tier II reporting programs, resulting in significant time savings and more accurate reporting. Importantly, the solutions permitted the utility provider with the larger chemical footprint to submit accurate reports covering a wide range of chemical products, and enabled the utility provider with the larger facility footprint to deliver thorough reporting of an inventory record against multiple locations.

About SafeTec's Reports & Analysis Hub:

This functionality integrates with SDS libraries and automatically identifies chemicals containing extremely hazardous substances. The module identifies which chemicals are required to be included in Tier II reports and organizes them by facility location and quantity. Additionally, the Reports & Analysis Hub calculates and converts chemical quantities into appropriate units automatically. There's no need for manual calculations, saving time and greatly improving accuracy. The system also notifies of errors regarding SDS records that have missing data elements which may have otherwise gone unnoticed, helping ensure accurate calculations.

Completing and submitting Tier II reports electronically is easy with the Reports & Analysis Hub. Users can download facility and inventory data in a ready-to-submit format, which can then be filed via third-party software, such as EPA's Tier2 Submit. Individual PDF reports can also be downloaded for each facility to submit manually or keep on file.

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