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Case Study: Pharmaceutical

How a Large Pharmaceutical Firm Improved ESG Through a Single Platform





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Many organizations have developed and implemented environmental, health, and safety (EHS) policies to protect people, communities, and the planet. They recognize that good EHS practices improve business operations and enhance their brand, which makes EHS not only the right thing to do, but also good business practice.

Leading companies have realized that it's not enough to merely have good EHS policy. What's also needed is a standardized approach to global EHS strategy with integrated technologies to gain valuable insight into EHS and sustainability (EHS&S) performance. Having up-to-date data at the ready from an integrated system enables organizations to take advantage of opportunities for improvement and meet corporate EHS&S goals.

One of the largest pharmaceuticals companies has utilized an integrated platform to centralize data collection and unify its approach to managing its EHS strategy. The company is a global leader in the pharmaceutical industry that develops and manufactures affordable, high-quality generic and specialty drugs.

A PHASED APPROACH TO REALIZE EHS IMPROVEMENTS

The pharmaceutical company began their EHS journey in 2013 with the launch of their EHS&S Policy and EHS management system (EHSMS) to establish a minimum global standard of care and drive continuous improvement across the enterprise. They also activated their Target Zero brand, which is a global goal to achieve zero injuries, zero incidents, and zero releases.

In 2015, The company started a phased module-by-module implementation of the Enablon platform, starting with Metrics Management, which replaced the use of Excel spreadsheets. From 2016 to 2017, they further transitioned legacy systems into the Enablon platform, including Event Management, Action Plans, KPIs, EHS Global Audits, Self-Assessments, and Compliance Management. By 2018, the pharmaceutical company achieved 4 out of 5 environmental goals ahead of due date. By 2019, the company moved their enterprise risk management to the Enablon platform and in 2020 they released a new set of EHS&S commitments and KPIs.



The 2019 ESG progress report contains several notable statistics, including reduction of Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) by 11% and improvement in Lost Time Injury Rate (LTIR) by 23% from the previous year. The pharmaceutical company reduced their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 17% from 2017 and reduced total waste by 13% and total energy consumption by 6% from 2018. Standing behind these achievements is the standardized approach to EHS&S with their EHSMS and use of Enablon to gain insight into their EHS&S performance.

SUCCESS AND NEXT STEPS WITH ENABLON

The Enablon platform makes the next step easy, which includes data consolidation, integrity checks, and submission of data for the company's annual ESG report. The integrated modules of the Enablon platform help the pharmaceutical company complete the final step of the process, which is a detailed environmental data analysis to identify any potential issues and opportunities for improvement.

The next steps for the company in their EHS journey are contained in their environmental sustainability commitments. These include stronger action on climate change and building resilience, increasing responsible use of natural resources, and eliminating emissions, effluents, and waste. They have plans to upgrade their Environmental Footprint system to allow for intensity based KPIs and new indicators. And they also plan to continue their collaboration with Enablon to help them achieve targets, meet corporate goals, and continually improve their EHS performance.

“If you were to ask what stands behind our achievements, I would tell you our standardized approach to EHS&S, which is applied across our network via our EHS management system and the use of the Enablon platform, helps us to consistently manage, track, and gain insights into our EHS&S performance.”

Director of Environmental Compliance

BENEFITS OF THE ENABLON PLATFORM

- Consolidate data from various indicators across all locations in a single enterprise-wide system
- Easily capture incidents and near misses through Enablon Go safety app that works online or offline
- Reduce audit costs by standardizing the assessment of regulatory compliance across the organization
- Centralize regulations, permits, and company policies in a single location
- Automatically create, assign, and track action items via the Enablon web interface or Enablon Go mobile app
- Track air emissions compliance status each day through up-to-date data, calculations, and dashboard reports
- Simplify and streamline water management to keep track of and coordinate sampling procedures and locations
- Simplify and improve waste management through enhanced visibility, data entry, and report generation

USED APPLICATIONS

- Metrics Management
- Event/Incident Management
- Internal Audit
- Risk Management
- Compliance Management
- Content Integration
- Action Plans

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