

OIL AND GAS COMPANY LEVERAGES VelocityEHS TO MANAGE SUSTAINABILITY DATA



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Based in Calgary, Alberta, Enerplus Corporation (Enerplus) prides itself on being a responsible North American energy producer with a portfolio of high-quality oil and natural gas assets. Founded in 1986, it is a mid-sized company with stock that is traded on both the Toronto and New York Stock Exchanges. It has a production output of over 100,000 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) per day.

As the organization grew, Enerplus decided to take steps to consolidate its health and safety data. Over the last few years, this initiative expanded to include capturing actionable data for the overall safety and social responsibility (S&SR) team. The system Enerplus selected for this was *VelocityEHS*. Tanzi Lee Kosten, SSR Project Manager for Enerplus, explains the transition.

"We knew we were ready to develop a central solution that would handle our safety reporting, our regulatory reporting, and help us meet our training needs," says Ms. Kosten. "We were also transitioning toward a greater focus on sustainability,

and we needed a system solution that would give us the data foundation."

According to Ms. Kosten, working with *VelocityEHS* went smoothly from the outset.

Enerplus used the incident modules to track its incidents, near misses and hazards, and soon added the audit and inspection tool for both internal and external audits and the training module. The rollout was easy and very successful. A key indicator of success was the instant buy-in from field operations employees, who represent the majority of the system's users.

"We were excited about having a central resource that could handle all of all of these data points," says Ms. Kosten. "Now, when we're experiencing incidents, we're happy to use the [*VelocityEHS*] tool for entering and managing data. It's easy for us. So both the rollout and the internal adoption were quite successful."

Ms. Kosten stresses that the solutions from *VelocityEHS* have allowed Enerplus employees to become more autonomous, as they can now get the information they

need at a moment's notice.

"We made it so people can manage their own 'to do' actions," explains Ms. Kosten. "Enerplus uses the audit tool for observation in the field. The training tool allows workers to manage their courses when they have the time, and allows system administrators to go in and verify who has completed applicable required training. The dashboard has been received positively, because everyone can see everything in real time. It's no longer people asking people for details. Instead, our people can get what they need, anytime, with a few simple clicks. That's a win-win."

With the implementation of *VelocityEHS*, Enerplus has been able to deactivate other programs and procedures it had been using. Especially in the current economy, companies are looking for opportunities to be more efficient and, for Enerplus, the *VelocityEHS* Platform has facilitated that. It also helped the company cut costs and save time on tasks like filling out hard-copy forms.



However, Ms. Kosten says that the most positive impact of *VelocityEHS* can be seen in Enerplus' expanding commitment to managing sustainability data.

"There is a lot of confidence in our data now, and that's allowed us to do new things. A great example is we recently released our first corporate sustainability report. Previously, we didn't have a quality source from which to draw. However, Enerplus was able to release its first report last year because there was confidence in the data, that it was high-quality data and that it had an adequate sample size — all of which came from *VelocityEHS*."

Ms. Kosten says that *VelocityEHS* has now become an integral part of how the Enerplus S&SR team operates.

"The data pulled from *VelocityEHS* is vital to our day-to-day conversations. We can see trends and release bulletins to mitigate plans to prevent incidents from happening again."

Finally, Ms. Kosten notes that the success Enerplus has experienced with *VelocityEHS* comes from best practices that potential customers could emulate.

"If you're making this transition, *VelocityEHS* is going to challenge you throughout the process with their 'why' questions . . . in a good way! I'd advise customers to take the time to work through these questions. This will help get that early adoption and buy-in, which is critical for success. I think that adds tremendous value to the end result you get."



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VelocityEHS is committed to helping companies in the Oil & Gas Industry achieve their environment, health, safety and sustainability goals faster by delivering a solution that is easy to implement, simple to use, and which drives engagement across the organization. As a longtime partner of many oil and gas companies, we understand intimately the pressures our customers face in controlling operational, regulatory, and health and safety risks. To that end, our comprehensive EHS platform includes solutions for incident management, audits & inspections, chemical management, compliance management, management of change and training management.

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