

# A Growing City, a Center of Industry and Education, Stays Compliant With VelocityEHS



## Stillwater, OK

- Growing aerospace, agribusiness, and biotech hub
- Home to Oklahoma State University
- VelocityEHS customer since 2015

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City of Stillwater, OK

As one of the largest cities in the state, Stillwater, Oklahoma is home to a diverse economy that includes aerospace, agribusiness, and biotech. Stillwater is also the location of Oklahoma State University, a NCAA Division I school with over 23,000 students. A growing city with a steadily increasing population, Stillwater faces all the challenges of an expanding major municipality. This is also true when it comes to its management of hazardous chemical compliance requirements.

Until recently, Stillwater’s safety team relied on physical binders full of paper SDSs. However, a call from a salesperson at VelocityEHS turned out to be the first step on a journey that ended with Stillwater managing its SDS library more effectively, efficiently, and inexpensively than ever before.

Chris Knight, Waste Management Manager for Stillwater, explains how the transition occurred.

“We had been looking for a different and better way to manage our SDS inventory,” says Mr. Knight. “We had paper binders in twelve locations around the city with thousands of SDSs inside. Keeping the binders up to date was always a real chore. When I got this call from out of the blue from VelocityEHS, the program that the salesperson described sounded just like what we wanted. We signed up.”

According to Mr. Knight, the impacts from adopting VelocityEHS Chemical Management were swift.

“Right away, it started saving us time,” reports Mr. Knight. “People weren’t running around updating the books, and I wasn’t running around checking that it had been done. Using the [VelocityEHS] system to find and place new SDSs in our eBinder was very easy to do. It also saved us money. There was a cost with the paper binders to all of the updating we had been doing internally, in terms of hourly and salary

wages. Combined with the fact that it helps keep us in compliance, I’d say it’s definitely saving us money in the long term.”

Most importantly, Mr. Knight says adopting VelocityEHS has boosted employee safety in important ways.

“The biggest thing is we have a lot of employees who may be working with chemicals they’ve never used before,” says Mr. Knight. “Even with us providing the required training in advance of them working with the chemical, you can’t take employee knowledge for granted when it comes to an incident. For example, if an employee gets something in their eyes, despite training on what to do, employees may still defer to the SDS before taking action. That’s not a huge problem, since that’s one of the main purposes of the SDS, but it underscores the importance of ensuring we always have them readily accessible for all the chemicals in our inventory. And now with VelocityEHS,



wherever our employees are — as long as they have access to a computer or mobile device — they have access to our company-specific library of SDSs.”

Mr. Knight stresses that VelocityEHS also provides peace of mind now that GHS is the law of the land for HazCom in the United States.

“The assistance with getting our HazCom program GHS-aligned is also a benefit,” says Mr. Knight. “VelocityEHS has been very helpful for that process. We signed up in 2015 when the transition was still happening. With VelocityEHS, you can find the [GHS-aligned SDS] formats you need to stay compliant.”

Mr. Knight concludes by giving advice to anyone considering adopting VelocityEHS.

“First of all, I would say VelocityEHS is going to be a group of people who are very easy to work with, and who are going to be very helpful. And the system itself is going to work great. If you hit a challenge, it may be on your own team. For example, I have some departments who are still hung up on hard copies. I tell ‘em, ‘You can do you what you want, but you also need to have VelocityEHS.’ When they see how easy the [VelocityEHS] system is to use, they begin to appreciate the benefits.”



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