



Company

Cayuga Health System

Solution

SDS Management

On-Site Inventory (OSI)

Industry

Healthcare

Location

New York

Complete GHS Compliance: the first step is Chemical Inventory

Company Overview

Cayuga Health System unites two longstanding, independent hospitals, Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca and Schuyler Hospital in Montour Falls, New York. These two hospitals joined together to form a cohesive healthcare network to provide seamless and comprehensive community-centered care for the residents across the Finger Lakes region and central New York.

Challenge

This busy healthcare system needed assistance to quickly create an up-to-date and accurate safety data sheet (SDS) document collection to comply with OSHA's HazCom requirements. In order to meet their goal of easy access to SDSs for all their employees and to ensure those employees were trained on SDS best practices, they first had to account for all the hazardous materials being used at their facilities. Their search through the many options of SDS management software available on the market led them to HSI.

Solutions

HSI's SDS solution experts began with an onsite inventory conducted by HSI OSI technicians using the proprietary mobile inventory system application. This comprehensive cataloging of the chemicals and hazardous materials found throughout Cayuga Health System allowed administrators and EHS personnel to better understand Cayuga's chemical footprint. After the inventory work, they had a much clearer idea of which SDSs were missing or in need of updating.

Once HSI's SDS management system was in place, employees were trained on the best practices for ensuring these required documents were technically accurate, current, and easily available to all system employees.

Results

By relying on HSI's SDS management system and its integrated mobile inventory application, Cayuga EHS administrators enjoyed significant gains in cost and chemical management efficiencies. Their up-to-date and accurate SDS document collection helps them meet their GHS (Globally Harmonized System) compliance requirements and other OSHA-related goals.

Cayuga administrators know they can rely on their HSI support team of account managers, project managers and other support staff to ensure the healthcare system has chemical management accountability that's transparent, easily reportable and accessible to all who need it.

Why It Matters

Accurate Chemical Inventory: by completing this important first step, Cayuga knew their SDSs matched on-site chemicals

Accessibility: especially in industries like healthcare where time matters, immediate access to SDSs is key to the appropriate response in case of accidents.

Compliance: like many HSI SDS customers, initial inventory showed significant non-compliance with OSHA's HazCom regulations. Achieving full GHS compliance was important to Cayuga's EHS professionals and administrators.

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- Jason Deraiche, Environmental Safety Coordinator