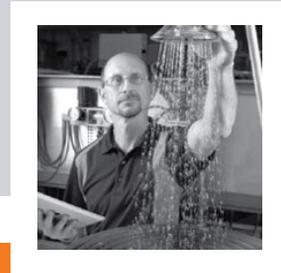# A GLOBAL BRAND LEADER REALIZES NEW EFFICIENCIES WITH VELOCITYEHS

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With more than 50 manufacturing locations on six continents, the Kohler Company (Kohler) is a global leader in kitchen, bath, and plumbing products. It also makes furniture, decorative products, gas and diesel engines and generators, and operates several golf and resort destinations under its Destination Kohler subsidiary. It has a total worldwide workforce of over 32,000 employees.

Such a diverse and varied slate of products keeps Kohler's EHS team busy when it comes to keeping workers safe, keeping the company compliant, and obtaining and analyzing the performance metrics that will allow the organization to report on and control risk factors.

Since 2014, Kohler has trusted *VelocityEHS* to expand their capabilities and create new efficiencies in these areas. Erika Strand, Associate EHS Program Manager for Kohler, explains why a partnership with *VelocityEHS* was the right choice for Kohler.

"We were challenged to reduce the administrative burden connected to our distribution of data across the organization," says Ms. Strand. "We have comprehensive sustainability reporting requirements, as well as requirements to report on global incidents at each of our facilities. Previously, we had been trying to do all of this ourselves through Excel spreadsheets. That created a number of serious pain points. For one, it was onerous to maintain all that data manually. For another, there were problems with version control — different users would go into spreadsheets and update them, and it could be complicated to sort out which was the most current. Finally, it was hard to visualize where things were happening and what kind of things were happening at our facilities. Manual spreadsheets did not really provide this."

Ms. Strand says that timelines from management could further compound the challenge.

"We would be tasked to provide upper management with trend information on a short turnaround," explains Ms. Strand. "Tabulating this information ourselves meant reaching out to all of our facilities. That could pose problems. We have facilities all over the globe. Sometimes, people wouldn't be in the office when a request came in, and there was no quick access to that information. We knew there had to be a better way."

After a careful survey of the best solutions available in the EHS solutions marketplace, Kohler made the decision to go with *VelocityEHS*. The results, says Ms. Strand, were immediate and powerful.

"Right away, the pain of tabulating trend information went away. With *VelocityEHS,* getting that information is instant. It takes no time at all. The *VelocityEHS* audit and inspection functionality also helped with version control, and gave us a greater ability to visualize where we are with

incidents over the whole company. It's working very well. We can instantly see what we need to see."

Ms. Strand reports that the ease-of-use and functionality of the *VelocityEHS* system also led to an unexpected benefit in employee adoption.

"Our location reports are a really big thing, and in all our locations now, everyone is going above and beyond when it comes to entering their information. People like the [*VelocityEHS*] product, so they are actually using it. Having that kind of employee buy-in makes everything so much easier."

Ms. Strand concludes by emphasizing that the overall time-savings Kohler has been able to realize has had the biggest impact.

"The saved time has been important for everybody. From myself and the EHS staff to the employees all over the world who have to enter environmental and incident information, our workforce has been able to save a significant amount of time with this. What used to be an administrative burden for everybody has become instant and seamless. It's a very powerful solution."

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VelocityEHS understands this. It's how we've built our reputation as the leading EHS solutions provider – by helping businesses gain meaningful data, act comfortably and decisively when incidents arise, and manage change across an entire enterprise. Thousands of leading companies of all sizes and in all industries currently benefit from our robust platform of scalable solutions. Whether your company is already a dominant global force or still an emerging brand, *VelocityEHS* can provide the powerful, leading-edge tools you need to take your EHS management to the next level.

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