case study

Anniston Army Depot Needed a Solution to Track Tasks to Completion

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Anniston Army Depot got its start in 1942 as a storage facility, and has transformed into one of the largest army depots in the United States, with state-of-the-art equipment and technology. When this Depot wanted to improve on their environmental management system, they looked for a method that would have the least impact on their staff and resources. Software as a service (SaaS) was the right fit, because this on-demand technology provided real time access to data.

By using one centralized system for data collection and storage, Anniston Army Depot has access to a complete compliance history anytime, anywhere. They are currently using the Enviance System for:

- Task tracking and management
- Recording inspection findings and corrective actions
- More streamlined and efficient monthly DMR reporting

The details for every permit condition, citation, and task are recorded in the Enviance System, making it easy for new users to see exactly what needs to be done, and preserving institutional knowledge when an experienced environmental manager leaves.

Over a 3-month period, the System was configured and users were trained to complete tasks. After the training, Enviance worked with Anniston Army Depot personnel to reinforce what was learned and ensure full adoption of the new system.

Since the Depot launched the Enviance System, more personnel have been trained and they are finding more ways to use the System – consolidating data collection, improving process efficiency, and most importantly saving time for the already busy environmental team.

As part of their NPDES Program, Anniston Army Depot is required to submit Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, annual, and biennial basis, with different reporting requirements for each report. This onerous task requires a 42-page DMR be filled out – usually taking 12-15 hours to compile and complete manually. With Enviance, the report is outputted in the required format, with all the necessary data, in just a few mouse clicks.

By using the Enviance System to manage all of the data for DMR reporting, Anniston Army Depot:

- Saves at least 12-15 hours monthly, managing the data for the report preparation
- Reduces the margin for error in data handling and calculations

Due to personnel turnover, potential deployments, and other factors, it was important to have a compliance system that preserved established processes and protocol. The details for every permit condition, citation, and task are recorded in the Enviance System, making it easy for new users to see exactly what needs to be done, and preserving institutional knowledge when an experienced environmental manager leaves.

On a day-to-day basis, the System is used to send email notifications before tasks are due and continues to track those tasks to completion. Inspection findings are recorded and stored in the Enviance System, and managers are reminded on a monthly basis to review the inspection findings status report to ensure obligations and follow up activities are being completed.

And, because all of the data is stored in a central, online database, users can verify compliance status at any time with just a few clicks.

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