

Kent County, MI Unifies Hazmat Emergency Response

Challenges

- Spent hours mailing out hardcopy versions of Emergency plans to 250+ hazardous material facilities.
- Manually went through hundreds of Tier II Reports annually to see which ones had Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) that exceeded the planning threshold.
- Spent dozens of hours scanning all Tier 2 Reports each year.
- Unable to access Grand Rapid Facility Plans since businesses would report directly to the City of Grand Rapids and not to the County authorities.
- Saved several thousand dollars annually by no longer printing and mailing out all Offsite Response Plans.
- Hazmat teams had to rely on printout versions of Tier II and Emergency Plans.

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Gains after Implementing Hazconnect

- **Responders have 24/7 online immediate access to the Tier II Reports and Plans for each facility.**
- **Flags alert Emergency Planners of EHS that exceed the EHS Planning threshold at each site.**
- **Kent County and Grand Rapids use one single system to share all Facility Emergency Plans and Tier II online.**
- **Kent County hazmat teams have access to Hazconnect, giving them access to all hazmat information.**
- **Hospitals now have immediate access to the system in the event of a chemical exposure incident.**
- **EMS can access Hazconnect to retrieve Offsite Response Plans for facilities storing Extremely Hazardous Substances at any given time.**
- **Health departments have access to all emergency plans for a full visual of all the chemicals across the county.**