hazconnect CASE STUDY

Philadelphia Improves Hazmat Safety Planning and Fee Collection with Hazconnect

Before Hazconnect, the process was Paper-Based and Resource Intensive

- Chemical facilities sent Hazmat Reports by **paper hardcopy**.
- Administrators would annually file each paper hardcopy into the appropriate folders and then store them in a filing cabinet.
- **Chemical Inventory was available only as paper copies to the local fire departments.**
- Administrators spent **hundreds of hours creating manual invoices**.
- Postage and printing costs were allocated for mailings to over one hundred sites.
- Fire Departments had to manually put all Tier 2 Reports together into one consolidated report.
- City planners had to **manually create the Offsite Response Plans from scratch** with little input from facilities.
- Administrators had to carefully review the reports due to a lot of facility duplication.
- Philadelphia OEM spent numerous hours preparing an annual written Facility and Chemical report required by PENNSAFE to comply with Pennsylvania Act 165.

Hazconnect Saves City Time and Resources, while increasing Safety

- LEPCs and facilities easily update their Offsite Response Plans online **saving hundreds of hours annually**.
- The City has **saved thousands of dollars** by automating invoice generation.
- Facilities can **view their Invoices online** saving the city valuable time and money on postage and printing of invoices.
- Local Fire departs have **access to the live data 24/7/365**.
- Responders and Planners can **map each site's vulnerability areas aiding planning needs.** State reports are automatically generated from the system.
- **Other agencies leverage the Hazconnect Investment.**
- Inspectors are using the system's Mapping features to **schedule inspections in groups based on geography**, saving time and resources.
- Plans are currently in the works for the local Fire Departments to **use the program for licensing and inspections**.
- Hazmat Unit leverages the program to offer **better field support**.