

## Aiming for the future Ten years and counting

## **About TASCO**

TASCO is the second-largest manufacturer of sugar from sugarbeets in the United States. The company employs 1,700 people in 18 locations across the country. TASCO's processes include everything from growing and research to processing and distribution.

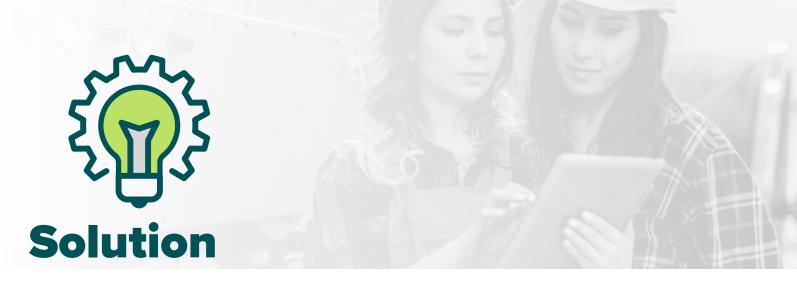
TASCO currently uses the SDS Management, Lockout Tagout Management, JSA Management, Incident Investigation and Management, Training Management, Audit Management, Permit Management, and the Virtual Assistant tools.

## Challenges

The internally developed software for managing safety data sheets (SDSs), procedures, etc., developed at TASCO did not allow for building of documents within those systems. TASCO was struggling to keep the internal software working and up to date and needed a solution that could grow with its environment, health, and safety (EHS) program.

"The EHS Hero program is like none other out there."

- Mark Hyer, Regional Safety Manager, TASCO



TASCO reviewed multiple EHS software programs and found that EHS Hero® was the most costeffective and custom solution on the market. It met the company's immediate needs, and as its program matured, EHS Hero could grow with it.

TASCO started with implementing the SDS Management tool and Incident Management tool at one location. After seeing the value of the products at one location, TASCO chose to subscribe to all the tools listed above at all its existing locations.

The company primarily uses EHS Hero as a document control system, but given the diverse array of documents it generates, this use still requires several of the suite's modules. Hyer uses the Training Management Tool to keep workers up to speed on safety policies and procedures; the Audit Management Tool to keep up with all of the documentation the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires.

Hyer also uses the SDS Management Tool to keep all of the company's safety data documents in a single, easy-to-access repository.

It's really handy because all I have to do is train the staff how to use the software," he says. "If they ever have a question on the chemicals they're using, they can just look it up themselves."

With EHS Hero in place, TASCO has also been able to eliminate paper documents. From its main facility to its five satellite locations, multiple agricultural receiving areas, and 18 distribution centers, the company keeps all its files in the software's electronic database. No matter where its employees or administrators are working on a given day, they can access the safety sheets, training records, and other related documents they need. "It's great for document control, and it makes audits much easier," says Hyer.

Finally, EHS Hero's document review and editing features have made it far easier for TASCO employees to keep files up to date.

Our guys never have to worry whether a document they're looking at is the current version," Hyer adds. "It's pretty easy for anybody that's minimally computer savvy to use the system."

## **Moving** forward

For over 10 years, TASCO has used the EHS Hero software suite to boost efficiency, keep workers safe, and comply with OSHA requirements. "I use the software probably three or four times per week," Hyer says. "There were even times when I was spending 40 or 50 hours a week on it."

TASCO has since expanded their BLR product usage to the TrainingToday LMS platform and plans on continuing to use EHS Hero for the foreseeable future to improve the product for all customers.