

# Axens - Case Study

## NimonikApp Audit and EHS Updates

Axens easily transitioned their complex auditing and legal monitoring needs to Nimonik.

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**Craig Brown**  
HSWQ Coordinator  
Axens Canada Specialty Aluminas Inc.

**Craig is responsible for monitoring legislation, conducting regular EHS audits and maintaining quality control.**

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### The Challenge

Craig Brown must ensure EHS compliance at Axens' activated alumina production site. The Canadian chemical industry is highly regulated; Axens' complex industrial operations require constant surveillance of EHS and Quality Services legislation.

Axens is also firmly dedicated to a sustainable approach. The company strives to protect the health and safety of employees, partners, subcontractors and neighbours, while reducing environmental impact. To this end, Craig must ensure compliance according to ISO 9000, ISO 14000 and OHSAS 18000 standards.

Prior to implementing Nimonik, Axens was using pen and paper, with no technology in place, no mobile tools to work in the field and no automated legislation monitoring system. Craig recalls, “We just relied on checking federal and provincial websites or other sources for related news or updates.”

Craig needed a simple solution that could address the range of his needs and be adopted without a difficult transition period.

## The Search

- An ISO auditor who was an avid user of our solutions recommended Nimonik to Craig.
- Craig then started to review our services. He says, "I tried it with an IT associate and we seemed comfortable with the presentation and explanations given at each step."
- Craig had began his search looking for a basic service, "an automatic email with notifications, etc.," but he immediately liked the combination of mobile auditing and legal tracking tools in a simple package.

## The Solution

- After a webinar and discussion, Craig knew that Nimonik was the perfect fit for his needs.
- Craig chose our tools because of their simplicity and efficiency. He also saw that the dynamic team at Nimonik could provide support during implementation.
- When asked, "What did you find most attractive about Nimonik?" Craig responded, "It's easy!"

## The Implementation

- Once Craig decided on our solution, implementation and full training of his staff took less than four weeks.
- Nimonik's team worked with Craig's team to smooth out the kinks during implementation. Craig describes it: "We had a couple of minor issues...not a big deal."
- According to Craig, the Nimonik team was very helpful during setup, assisting him through the whole process.

## The Results

- In less than six months, Craig managed to find the solution, implement and operationalize it.
- Craigs says he sees multiple benefits from using Nimonik, including saved time and better compliance. For example, he no longer worries about following legislative changes. Regulatory updates are presented to him in a comprehensive and easy-to-understand format.
- With the time he saves on legislation monitoring, Craig focuses on improving Axens' compliance performance, ensuring his production facility is an environmental, health and safety leader.
- "Nimonik is an effective way to receive notification of changes to regulatory and legislative requirements... It's all good!" concludes Craig.