

New Jersey Natural Gas Finds Scalability and Reliability with INDICIUM Document Management

Company Profile

New Jersey Natural Gas is the principal subsidiary of New Jersey Resources, a **Fortune 1000** company, which provides reliable energy and natural gas services including transportation, distribution, and asset management in states from the Gulf Coast to the New England regions, including the Mid-Continent region, the West Coast and Canada. With over \$2.5 billion in annual revenues, NJR safely and reliably operates and maintains 6,700 miles of natural gas transportation and distribution infrastructure to serve nearly half a million customers.

Business Challenge

For many years, New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) utilized a document management system to maintain information regarding their installations. These 'gas records' are accessed by outside contractors who need timely access to diagrams of the geographic sites showing the exact location of gas lines, meters, and other relevant environmental information. This information is necessary in order for the contractor to do their work, and is critically important to ensure the safety of both the contractor and the public.

Unfortunately, the old document management system was growing obsolete. It was time-consuming and difficult to support, and not flexible enough to meet the company's growing business needs. Special software was needed on each contractor's computer in order to access the application, requiring ongoing maintenance and support from NJNG's technical staff. The system was not easy for contractors to access and was not always available.

Solution

NJNG decided that the INDICIUM product suite could provide the scalability, flexibility and reliability that their staff and contractors required, on a more modern, easier-to-support platform. Working with an authorized INDICIUM reseller, the Company began the task of replacing the outdated gas records system.

INDICIUM Capture and **INDICIUM DM** were implemented to capture and store all of the gas records. Using the **INDICIUM Migration Connector** utility, one million objects (1.5M images) were extracted from the old system and imported with the associated meta data into the new system. During the conversion process, any objects or data found corrupted in the old system were repaired and restored within INDICIUM. The new system is integrated with the existing Geographic Information System (GIS), enabling authorized users to access gas records stored in INDICIUM directly from the GIS application.

The INDICIUM system has a *zero-footprint* Web Client which allows the Company's outside contractors to easily access the system, without requiring configuration support from NJNG technical staff. Contractors can search for, view, and print the gas records they need. The INDICIUM software provides a targeted document-level search capability that was not possible in the former system where users had to navigate a complex folder structure. The new application interface is easy to use and provides maximum access for the contractors.

Benefits

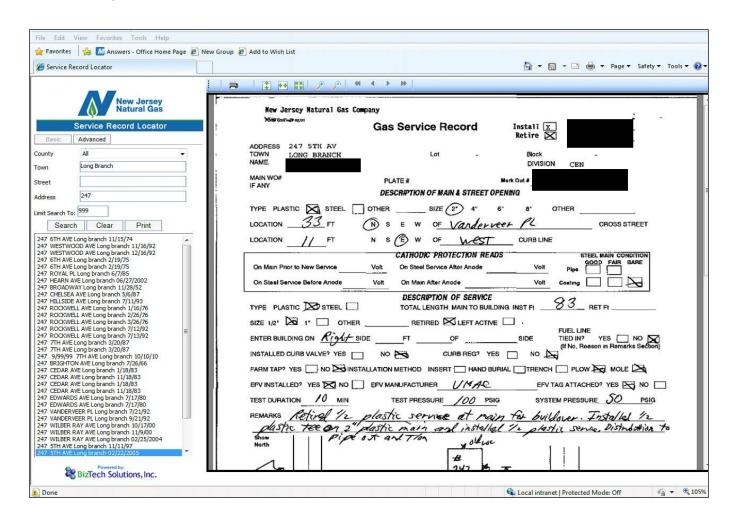
Users of the new INDICIUM system are able to locate documents consistently and more easily, reducing overall liability. System support costs are also lower. With the migration to the new enterprise platform, NJNG can quickly expand their usage by adding other document types to the repository and incorporating automated workflow and notifications into their business processes. In less than a week, their accounting department was able to begin using the system to maintain contracts within INDICIUM.





Technologies Used

- INDICIUM Capture
- INDICIUM DM
- INDICIUM Migration Connector
- INDICIUM Importer



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