

## CASE STUDY

# KOKOSING MATERIALS



## SUMMARY STATEMENT

After being founded by a humble farm boy named William “Bill” Burgett, Kokosing has grown into an industry leader that employs over 3,000 people and generates more than \$1 billion in annual revenue.

Kokosing Materials operates multiple asphalt plants throughout the state of Ohio. This includes one portable asphalt plant that moves from job site to job site, as needed. They also have two liquid asphalt terminals.

## THE CHALLENGE

**Kokosing takes safety very seriously, and feels that, “One incident is too many.” So, after they had a lockout/tagout related injury, they saw an immediate need to improve.**

They needed a simple and scalable lockout/tagout tool that could be accessible for their employees across 20 different job sites.

Kokosing materials had an extensive LOTO library, but it was only accessible from one place: Their HSE Director’s computer.

Chuck Mull was a “one-man show” when it came to safety and LOTO at the time.

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**Our LOTO procedures were all on my computer in Word files.**

**They weren’t easily accessible or easily changed or modified. Someone would ask me, ‘Hey Chuck can you do this?’ And I would be like, ‘Yeah, I’ll get to that tomorrow, or the next time I get to my computer, I will take care of it.’**

Chuck Mull, HSE Director — Kokosing Materials

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## KEY FEATURES

- » RFID & Barcodes
- » Online / Offline Mobile App
- » Recurring / Event-Triggered Alerts

- » Email Notifications
- » Reporting & Analytics
- » Inspections & Audits

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**“We recognize that safety is an ever-evolving journey and to that end, we have adopted a Safety 24/7 culture. Every year our incident rate goal is zero. We pride ourselves in sending every employee home the same way they arrived to work.”**

Lee Schloss, President — Kokosing Materials

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## How Kokosing Mobilized Their LOTO

Field iD made Kokosing’s 900+ LOTO documents/procedures accessible to 35 frontline users, across 20 different job sites.

Crucial procedures were no longer limited to a single computer. They were now on everyone’s smartphones and in their pockets.

Field iD also made it easier to train new employees by ensuring that all employees have access to the proper LOTO procedures, whether it’s their 1<sup>st</sup> week on the job or their 50<sup>th</sup>.

Kokosing is also able to make quick and easy updates, such as changes to the way they put a new air cylinder on, or a different way of locking a retainer ball valve out.

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**“People now call me and ask, ‘Hey we switched this out, can you change the procedure for me?’ And they get that updated procedure in their hands that same day.”**

Chuck Mull, HSE Director  
— Kokosing Materials

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