

National waste

program for wire and cable maker.



Helped customer achieve zero-landfill goals.

A leading manufacturer of industrial cable and wire that is used in the distribution and transmission of electricity sought a strategic partner to help deliver a comprehensive waste program for its more than 50 national locations. Each site had unique capabilities and waste streams, many of which included materials such as polyvinyl chloride/nylon, cross-linked polyethylene and chlorinated polyethylene that are traditionally difficult to recycle or dispose of. Complicating the challenge was the fact that the company had recently acquired two cable companies, effectively doubling the number of locations and increasing the complexity of the rollout.

Univar Solutions reviewed the manufacturer's waste streams, site capabilities and current practices to gain a solid understanding of each plant's needs and processes. Once fully assessed, a tailored waste solution was created for each location, as well as vetting and selecting vendors and developing the supply chain. Univar Solutions employed a strategic mix of technologies such as wastewater treatment, recycling, waste-to-energy, fuels blending and beneficial reuse to successfully divert waste from landfills.

By partnering with Univar Solutions, the manufacturer streamlined its waste and recycling processes across all its locations, saving \$500,000 through rebates and disposal improvements, \$120,000 in disposal costs, and reducing 2,500 man-hours of previous labor while diverting 39 million pounds of waste from landfills since the program began. Through this program, the customer achieved zero-landfill status at 90% of its locations, with the balance of their plants on schedule to meet the goal as well.

Discover how a partnership with Univar Solutions can contribute to your bottom line and help you achieve your sustainability goals.

RECORDED BENEFITS

- Saved \$500,000 through rebates and disposal improvements, \$120,000 in disposal costs and 2,500 man-hours since the program began
- Diverted 39 million pounds of waste from landfills
- Achieved zero-waste-to-landfill in 90% of locations and on track to meet the 100% goal

THE CHALLENGE

A cable and wire maker needed to implement a national waste program at more than 50 locations.

THE SOLUTION

Univar Solutions created a tailored solution for each site that selected vendors, optimized the customer's supply chain and implemented appropriate waste technologies.

THE RESULT

The customer made significant progress to achieving zerolandfill goals while saving money, man-hours and reducing its environmental impact.

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