

THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED. THEY COULD SHOW IT.

How a West Coast life sciences project team used Schedule Validator to update from baseline forward to correct an unfavorable third-party audit.



THE CHALLENGE

The project absorbed schedule impacts from five directions: design changes, a two-month delay securing permanent power, out-of-sequence startup and commissioning, added waterproofing during foundation work, and slow early resource mobilization.

The team still hit its re-baselined completion milestone and delivered the project. Then a third-party firm was brought in to review cost and schedule performance. Its draft report concluded the schedule had underperformed. The project team did not believe the findings reflected what had actually happened in the field.



WHAT THE TEAM ALREADY HAD

Throughout construction, they had uploaded every one of the general contractor's P6 schedule updates into Schedule Validator, tracked against the contractual GMP baseline. Not a summary. Not the last few. Every update, from baseline forward.



THE RESPONSE

Rather than dispute the findings on paper, the project lead requested a follow-up meeting focused on schedule alone.

Using Schedule Validator's Finish Slip visualization, they walked the auditors through the project one update at a time, showing when the finish date moved and what moved it. The record separated documented impacts, permanent power and design changes, from disputed delays the contractor could not substantiate through the TIA process.



THE OUTCOME

The auditors agreed to revise their draft report to more accurately reflect the project's performance.

The owner's project controls manager credited the Schedule Validator visuals with turning a complex construction timeline into something the audit team and leadership could follow in one sitting.



WHY IT MATTERS

Schedule analysis is usually treated as a current-month exercise. Run the update, read the variance, move on.

This project shows the other half of the value. Every analysis the team ran became part of a documented, date-by-date record of how the project actually performed. When that performance was challenged after closeout, the record was the defense.

THE PRESSURE



Design changes



Two-month permanent power delay



Out-of-sequence startup and commissioning



Added waterproofing at foundation



Slow early resource mobilization

SV IN USE



Every GC P6 update uploaded



Tracked against GMP contractual baseline



Finish Slip visualization



Baseline-forward schedule history

THE OUTCOME



Draft audit report revised



Documented impacts separated from disputed claims



Complex timeline made legible to leadership

WHEN THE STORY OF YOUR PROJECT IS CHALLENGED,
LET THE DATA TELL THE STORY.



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