# Champion X Case Study

Overcoming Extreme Water Challenges in West Texas

# At a glance

By addressing the complex water challenges with a highly efficient and innovative system, Culligan enabled Champion X to maintain its production standards while significantly reducing its environmental footprint and operational costs, and achieving extremely high levels of water purity.

# **CHALLENGES**



Champion X, a chemical blending company in the arid Midland-Odessa region of West Texas, faced a critical challenge: producing high-quality chemicals required exceptionally pure water, but the local groundwater was severely compromised. Specifically, the well water exhibited:

- High Total Dissolved Solids (TDS): Approximately 1700 ppm.
- Significant Hardness: Around 26 grains per gallon (gpg).
- Elevated Silt Density Index (SDI): A concerning 14, indicating a high level of suspended solids.
- Detectable Chlorine: Approximately 2 ppm.

Furthermore, the facility lacked wastewater disposal infrastructure, necessitating costly truck hauling for any waste generated. Champion X needed a high-efficiency water purification system that minimized waste, a difficult combination given the extreme water conditions.

## **SOLUTIONS**



Champion X entrusted Culligan to design and implement a comprehensive water treatment system. Culligan's team conducted a thorough analysis of the water and developed a multi-stage solution tailored to the specific challenges:

- Pre-Softening: To address the extreme hardness, Culligan installed 2 twin 900-grain softeners and 2 twin 450-grain softeners.
- Supply Pumps: 2 three-phase Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) supply pumps
- Chemical Injection: a chemical injection system was implemented to aide in the silt removal process.
- Suspended solids removal: A 14-inch progressive flow twin depth filter was added for the pre-treatment of suspended solids.
- Chlorine Removal: 2 portable exchange carbon filters were installed to remove the chlorine.
- Primary RO System: A 6 gallons per minute (gpm) RO system was installed to produce the high-purity water required for chemical blending.
- Wastewater Recovery: To minimize waste, Culligan integrated a 3 gpm RO system to treat the wastewater generated by the primary RO system. This innovative approach allowed for significant water recycling.



# Superior service with every order.

Every customer is important. And every customer is different. With a partner like Culligan® Commercial, you can expect a water treatment plan as original as you are. And like you and your business, we pride ourselves on supporting our solutions with ongoing expert service.

## **RESULTS**



Culligan's tailored solution provided Champion X with:

- **High-Quality Water:** A reliable, multi-stage filtration system delivering the exceptionally pure water necessary for producing high-quality chemicals.
- Achieved Purity: Culligan's system successfully reduced:
  - Chlorine to non-detectable levels.
  - o Hardness to non-detectable levels.
  - o SDI to non-detectable levels.
  - TDS to approximately 6 ppm.
- Significant Waste Reduction: The wastewater recovery RO system reduced wastewater volume by 50%, dramatically lowering transportation costs.
- Reliable operation: The system was designed to handle the extreme water conditions of west Texas.





# THE RESULTS:



Elimination of Downtime



Improved Water Quality



Optimized Water Usage

## THE CULLIGAN ADVANTAGE





#### Industry-Leading Technology

Products with patented technology, designed to outperform the competition.



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In-house, expertly trained service technicians with years of experience with these systems.



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