

VALIDERE · BUYER'S CHECKLIST

Environmental Compliance Software: Vendor Questions

One page to bring into every demonstration — organized by the seven capabilities that matter most.

When a vendor answers "yes, the platform does that," ask them to show the process. Score how the software behaves with real data, a missing record, an overdue approval, and a correction — not a prepared demo dataset.

1 Automated regulatory reporting

- ☐ Which reporting frameworks are supported today?
- ☐ How are regulatory updates incorporated — by us or by you?
- ☐ Can templates be configured without custom development?
- ☐ How are calculations validated before submission?

2 Centralized environmental data

- ☐ Which operational systems integrate out of the box?
- ☐ How is duplicate or conflicting data prevented?
- ☐ Can historical records be migrated and preserved?
- ☐ Can a user see where an imported value came from?

3 Configurable workflow automation

- ☐ Can workflows be configured without vendor support?
- ☐ Can approvals vary by facility while corporate rules hold?
- ☐ What happens when a task becomes overdue?
- ☐ Are workflow changes tracked through version history?

4 Mobile field data capture

- ☐ Does the mobile app work fully offline?
- ☐ Can inspectors capture photos, GPS, and documents?
- ☐ Are inspection forms configurable by facility or permit?
- ☐ How quickly is field data available for reporting?

5 Monitoring & calculations

- ☐ How are calculation methodologies maintained and versioned?
- ☐ Can a historical report be reproduced with the prior method?
- ☐ What validation checks run before reporting?
- ☐ How does the platform surface missing or inconsistent data?

6 Audit-ready traceability

- ☐ Can every reported value be traced to its source?
- ☐ Is approval history permanently retained?
- ☐ How are document revisions managed?
- ☐ Can a prior reporting period be reproduced as submitted?

7 Enterprise governance

- ☐ How are corporate standards applied across facilities?
- ☐ Can sites configure inspections and workflows independently?
- ☐ Can permissions vary by business unit or facility?
- ☐ How does the platform support adding facilities and programs?

+ Implementation & ownership

- ☐ Who configures workflows and calculations at launch?
- ☐ Who owns changes after go-live?
- ☐ What work requires additional professional services?
- ☐ What is the total cost of ownership, not just subscription?

Part of Validere's guide, [Top 7 Environmental Compliance Software Features Every Buyer Should Evaluate](#). For the full evaluation process — requirements mapping, demo scripts, and a proof-of-concept test plan — see [How to Choose Environmental Compliance Software](#).